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FY 2017 budget signed into law



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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, left, signs House Bill 19-196 or the CNMI General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2017 while Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog looks on in yesterday's ceremony that was held simultaneously with separate signings of three proclamations at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center.

- » **Torres vetoes cut in MVA budget**
- » **Reprogramming authority for utilities by Tinian, Rota also vetoed**

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed the \$142.2-million CNMI General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2017, but not before vetoing sections on the bill to address critical areas in the Commonwealth. The Legislature—House and Senate—passed House Bill 19-196, SS1, CCS1 last Saturday and is now Public Law 19-68.

The budgetary cuts made by the Legislature on the Marianas Visitors Authority's funds were among those that Torres vetoed along with the 100-percent reprogramming author-

ity given to Rota and Tinian.

Torres line-item vetoed Section 301 (i) allowing MVA to keep its budget that would fund its daily op-

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Tropical Depression Chaba passes through the Marianas

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Tropical Depression Chaba passed through the Marianas near Rota last night and was intensifying and possibly becoming a tropical storm early morning today, Thursday.

- » **HSEM declares flood watch in effect through Thursday night**

The CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management yesterday afternoon declared that a flood watch is in effect through Thursday night.

In its flood advisory, HSEM said heavy rainfall would produce flash floods especially in flood-prone and low-lying areas.

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AS CW-1 CAP FOR FY '17 NEARLY EXHAUSTED:

'CNMI heading right into a huge storm'

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Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands chair Gloria Cavanagh believes the CNMI would suffer greatly once the CW-1 nonim-

migrant cap is again exhausted for the coming fiscal year, which starts on Saturday.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, early this month, reduced the FY 2017 cap by one from 12,999 to 12,998. However,

there are only 2,742 slots left for the coming fiscal year that starts Oct. 1.

Based on data released by the USCIS, 4,661 CW-1 applicants had already been approved, while another 5,595 applications are pending for

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NATION

A defensive Donald Trump gave Hillary Clinton plenty of fresh material for the next phase of her presidential campaign on Tuesday.

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With international diplomacy in tatters and the U.S. focused on its election, the Syrian government and its Russian allies are seizing the moment to wage an all-out campaign to recapture Aleppo.

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Shimon Peres, a former Israeli president and prime minister, died early Wednesday. He was 93.

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U.S. Army Pvt. Joseph Attao answers the questions of some curious seniors at the Mount Carmel School campus last Monday.

Joseph Attao: Knight becomes a soldier

tion about the enemy, start doing reconnaissance, get all the intel, estimate the number of everyone that's there, rewire it back over radio, Foxtrot 7, and send it back to our main unit."

He also shared how good it was to see familiar faces and old friends. "Honestly it feels so good to be back. I'm talking to all of my old peers, seeing the same face of the president of Mt. Carmel, Mr. G [Galvin de Leon Guerrero], he's the one that really pushed me to strive hard. Coming back here and giving that speech to everyone makes me feel good, makes me feel like I'm giving back to everyone else that gave me the motivation to go through everything," he said.

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Attao shares that no matter what you do, people will be there to support you through thick and thin. "Everything starts with that little push. That little push can do so much in a person's life. So that pushed me to the military side and right after that, I'm back home, in uniform, just trying to do my best to give back to the people that gave me this," said Attao.

"The Army does so much for you, it changes your life. It makes you a better person; they offer so much and they always do [what is] good for you. The Army will teach you the real morals in life. Just do what you can and the people that are [with] you, will bring you home safe," added Attao.

MCS president Galvin de Leon Guerrero couldn't help but feel proud of his former student.

"As a school we are very proud of all of our AlumKnights [alumni of MCS], in particular, I am very proud of Mr. Attao, he has come a long way and overcome a lot to become a man of character and integrity, and I am just honored that he took time out of his very limited vacation time that he could be spending with his family and friends, he took that time to come and give back to his students. I am just honored," said Guerrero.

According to Guerrero, Attao talked to seniors as part of a senior student program called the Knights Seminar, where people from the outside, mostly alumni of MCS, come back and talk to the current seniors about their experiences since high school.

"We cover college applications, financial literacy, work readiness, career options, so this is kind of an extension of that, and we really like to bring back AlumKnights," shared Guerrero.

Attao is a member of the Army 3rd Brigade and was formerly stationed at Fort Campbell Kentucky. He is assigned to the 19 Delta Cavalry Scout, a military unit that specializes in reconnaissance. Attao would be deployed to the Republic of Kosovo, formerly part of Serbia, starting today.

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U.S. Army Pvt. Joseph Attao, who is about to be deployed, gave an inspiring talk to the seniors of Mount Carmel School about how both the military and MCS changed his life last Monday at the MCS campus.

Attao shared with many of the students that he wasn't even considering the U.S. military after high school.

"Honestly I wasn't thinking of going into the Army, but after high school with work and everything, a friend of mine gave me info of what I would be doing in the Army. She is a human resource specialist. She kind of gave me a little hint of what I would be doing," said Attao.

He shared with the high school students his experiences and certain social aspects, as well as his duties and responsibilities in the U.S. Army.

"We're the eyes and ears of the Army. Whenever there is a situation in the battlefield, we go there, get the informa-

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HANMI occupancy up 10 pct in August 2016

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported 93.09 percent occupancy among 11 member hotels for August 2016, a 10-percent increase compared to August 2015.

HANMI said 66,842 of 71,803 available room nights sold in August 2016, compared to 58,470 of 70,659 available room nights sold over the same period last year. Average room rates were \$156.25 during the month, compared to \$139.92 last August.

"While hotel occupancy and room rates are healthy, at this point, we remain focused on the proper application of

the hotel occupancy tax for promotions and destination enhancement through the Marianas Visitors Authority in the FY 2017 budget," said HANMI chair Gloria Cavanagh. "That's what the industry was assured would happen when we agreed to a tax increase three years ago, and that's what will keep our tourism economy strong."

So far this calendar year, the average occupancy rate is 87.83 percent, while the average room rates is \$142.71.

HANMI was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the NMI. HANMI also makes

regular charitable donations to support non-profit organizations and tourism-related government projects. HANMI and Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation will co-host the CNMI Next Top Chef competition on Nov. 2, 2016, at Saipan World Resort to raise funds of Empty Vessel's community service projects.

Membership in HANMI is open to all qualified hotels, motels, guesthouses and other lodging entities for tourists, as well as affiliated businesses. For more information or to request a membership application, visit www.saipanhotels.org. (PR)

Girl cries testifying how ex-firefighter sexually abused her

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A 10-year-old girl broke into tears as she testified yesterday how former firefighter Jergeron Techur Koshiba sexually abused her at a residence in Navy Hill last February.

The prosecution and the defense are expected to conduct their closing arguments when the jury trial of Koshiba resumes today, Thursday, at 9am.

After the girl's testimony, assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub announced that the government rests its case.

After calling two witnesses, Koshiba's counsel, Joaquin DLG Torres, informed the court that the defense rests.

Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo is presiding over the trial of Koshiba, who is being charged with sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree and disturbing the peace.

The girl testified that prior to the incident involving Koshiba, there was a birthday party for her brother and cousin at her grandmother's house in Navy Hill last Feb. 26.

The girl said she was watching TV on the living room's couch where she fell

asleep that night.

She said she was not using a blanket and that it was hot as there was no air-conditioner.

The girl said she was awakened that night and saw Koshiba rubbing her private parts. She said she went to the bathroom, then proceeded to the bedroom, where her mother was sleeping.

She said she told her mother what happened.

At this time, the girl cried, prompting Weintraub to stop

her questioning.

After a few minutes, the girl resumed her testimony. She said she felt scared especially when she saw Koshiba walking back and forth near the door while she was lying beside her mother.

The girl said her mother told her that they would talk about it the following morning. As her mother went back to sleep, she said she was scared and had a hard time going back to sleep.

The girl said the following

morning, her mother woke her up and asked her to take shower as they were going out.

The girl said as she was changing clothes, Koshiba was calling her, but she just ignored him.

She said her mother brought her to a relative's house. She said later that day, a police officer talked to her about the incident involving Koshiba.

Torres called to the witness stand Commonwealth Health Center pediatrician Leticia Borja and police detective Vincent Igisaia.

Borja testified that there was no trauma or injury on the girl's private part. She examined the girl as she was

the only available doctor at that time.

Igisaia testified that he interviewed the defendant at the Department of Corrections.

He also stated that he interviewed the girl's mother, but that he misplaced his notes so he did not write about the report regarding the interview.

Torres moved to dismiss the case, citing that the government did not turn over to the defense during discovery the information about the detective misplacing his notes.

Govendo denied the motion.

Police detective Dee Liza S. Udui arrested the 42-year-old Koshiba the night of Feb. 27, 2016.

» **As parties rest, closing arguments commence today**

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TWIN PROCLAMATIONS

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Best Sunshine International, Ltd. Corporate Social Responsibility executive director Geri Dela Cruz and her team join Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, first lady Dianne Torres, Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero, special assistant for administration Shirley C. Ogomoro, Commonwealth Cancer Association program manager Juan L. Babauta, and firefighters for a photo following the proclamation signing declaring Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Fire Prevention Month.

BUDGET

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erations. He said, in a letter addressed to House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan) and Senate President Francisco M. Borja (Ind-Tinian), that the section reflects the redirection of MVA's funds.

"I will continue to caution the Legislature against repeated actions that may negatively impact the operations and activities of MVA. Tourism is one of our key sources of revenues and although the redirected funds would fund beautification projects, it would also impede MVA's strategic plan to completely promote the CNMI," Torres said in the letter.

Torres, in yesterday's signing at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center, said his office has been working closely with the Legislature to make sure a balanced budget would be passed before the end FY 2016 ends on Friday.

"I want everyone to know at this stage, we have been working hand-in-hand with the Legislature. We have a good working relationship, but this budget shows that we both agree and disagree on a lot of things. Still, in good spirit we moved forward," said Torres.

He said that despite vetoing some sections this budget was the best collaborative effort made by his office and the Legislature. He then thanked the bicameral conference committee members, House Ways and Means committee chair Rep. Antonio P. Sablan (Ind-Saipan), and Senate Fiscal Affairs chair Sen. Jude U.

Hofschneider (R-Tinian).

Other highlights

Salary adjustments and increases for all law enforcement officers and for all government employees were also given with Torres saying the revenue the CNMI government collected gave them the opportunity for a wage hike.

"The revenue that we have gives us the opportunity to have pay raises. We are acknowledging all government employees since we don't have this in the past. This is the product the government have for all employees and their families," said Torres.

The budget will be funding 5-percent salary adjustments for all law enforcers and another 5-percent increase for salaries of all classified employees. "I now encourage all government employees to continue their great work and commitment in serving the community that needs you out there. The pay raise is just the beginning and we are going to continue taking care of you as you take care of us."

He also vetoed the salary of more than 40 identified positions since everyone in the government has had or would get a raise. "I don't want to see a double dipping while someone else is not. I don't think that's the intention of the Legislature but there are conflicts in some of the positions in their salaries."

"To be fair, I vetoed it and made it across the board. That does not necessarily say that not all employees will get a raise but saying that all will get a raise accordingly," he added.

Rota and Tinian's repro-

gramming authority for utilities was also vetoed. "I removed that because utility is very critical we can't allow funds to be reprogrammed other than its purpose."

Hiring of new employees or FTEs will still move forward, according to the Civil Service Act, and will have a different salary schedule while making minor changes for retirees' funds. Torres increased the funding of the retirees under the Group Health and Life Insurance "to ensure that repayment is made for their years of public service."

The Public School System will be given 34 percent after Torres increased the constitutionally mandated 25 percent. "As a strengthened commitment to the education of our children. More [funds] will come as we continue to grow."

The CNMI Drug Court, which is under the CNMI Judiciary, will have an initial allocation of \$362,266 as the government's commitment "to offer a creative blend of treatment and sanction alternatives to effectively address offender behavior, rehabilitation, and the safety of the community."

The Substance Abuse and Recovery Program under the Governor's Office will be fully funded with an initial allocation of \$1 million, while the Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts will be receiving \$303,000 as assistance in rebuilding and repairing of homes that were damaged by Typhoon Soudelor last year.

Torres has also increased the financial assistance awarded to CNMI students that are studying in accredited colleges or universities, while

\$1 million is allocated to pay government liabilities that include judgments and settlement agreements.

Some reactions

Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, who also attended yesterday's signing, said the budget reflects the conferees addressing all the concerns of the entire CNMI. "There's been a concern on the appointment from Rota being not on the first day."

"Whether Rota or Tinian wasn't represented in the conference committee, we want you to know the Legislature planted the seed of having one Commonwealth. Whether Saipan or Tinian conferees, they made sure all municipalities' concerns would be properly addressed including all critical issues."

MVA managing director Chris Concepcion, on the other hand, thanked Torres for protecting their funds for the coming fiscal year. "This sends a very strong message to our partners in the tourism industry, here in the CNMI and abroad, that this administration recognizes the key role that tourism plays in our society."

He added that the MVA would need all necessary funding since tourism is a very competitive industry. "Tourism is what drives our economy and it is a hyper-competitive industry to be in so we need all the funding we can get to compete effectively against regional heavyweights."

"The MVA has great plans coming up for the CNMI, and with our funding source intact, we aim to carry out our mission of promoting the CNMI to the world."

CHABA

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Flood advisory means river or stream flows are elevated or ponding of water in urban or other areas is occurring or is imminent.

NWS advised the people to be aware of ponding on roads that could cause hazardous driving conditions.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres advised residents of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to stay informed on the latest statements and advisories about Chaba through local media sources.

NWS said as of 7pm yesterday, packing maximum sustained winds at 35 miles

per hour, Tropical Depression Chaba was moving west at 16mph and will begin to intensify this morning, Thursday.

As of 7pm yesterday, the center of Chaba was 65 miles southeast of Saipan and Tinian, 75 miles east of Rota, and 120 miles east-northeast of Guam.

At that same time, NWS said a tropical storm watch remained in effect for Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam.

In August 2004, a namesake, Supertyphoon Chaba, hit the CNMI and caused the death of a 38-year-old Chinese who was swimming at The Grotto and 13 people injured. It also wrecked 1,168 homes on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

CW-1

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approval for a total of 10,256 as of Sept. 20 last week, leaving only 2,742 slots left to be filled for FY 2017.

Cavanagh said CW-1 employees regardless of the number of years they have been working in the CNMI would need to go home. Our economy is labor intensive; without labor, our economy will suffer greatly. Employees, regardless of how long they have been in the CNMI, will have to go home. I anticipate the numbers to be huge, in the thousands."

Construction workers needed for various projects and other developments, especially on Saipan, have used up most of the numbers in the FY 2017 cap. Cavanagh, however, is not painting a grim picture but rather being realistic. "With the cap being eaten away by construction workers, it leaves operations of current businesses at a great loss. All businesses will be affected, including the casino. This means not just loss of the labor force but overall spending, closure of services, decrease in services, and a huge decrease in the collection of taxes."

"It is a scary fact that we are heading right into a huge storm and we are not prepared. I don't think the cap will last even through this calendar year. The loss in 2016 will look minor compared to the damage of business starting in 2017," she added.

That's why HANMI along with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and the CNMI Society of Human Resources have been working closely with the administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and the Office of Delegate Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan in trying to lobby for help from the U.S. federal government in finding solutions. They have been working together since May.

Torres has been leading the CNMI panel in 902 talks with their U.S. counterparts while also testifying in an oversight

hearing in Washington, D.C. last month along with Chamber secretary Alex Sablan, who is also the Strategic Economic Development Council's CW and Labor Task Force chair.

"As you know, we all went to D.C. this month to testify on the labor woes in the CNMI. We were hoping to get relief this last quarter. However, that might not be possible. The business organizations are trying their best to find a remedy through political relations in D.C.," Cavanagh said.

"But this takes time and money. I will be presenting options to HANMI soon. Bottom line, this is a very real and critical issue. There are no quick fixes. Our local population is just not enough to support our industry," she added.

Torres renews call for NMI inclusion

Torres renewed his call of having the CNMI included in the allocation of CW-1 numbers in order to prevent abuse and misuse by certain companies or industries that have businesses in the Commonwealth.

He said that having the CNMI part of the process in allocating the number of foreign workers was one of the issues they presented in the 902 talks. "This is the reason why we've been asking the USCIS for the CNMI to be part of the whole process."

"So that we can say, 'okay well maybe 3,000 should go to Tinian or 2,000 to certain things.' Or by limiting different types of infrastructure, by limiting certain types of business or corporations. But right now we don't have that."

He said the CNMI just only waits for which gets approved first. "Any authority who goes in or who goes out and what kind of profession that we need, it's whoever comes gets approved first and it is alarming."

As for now, the administration is still waiting for updates from the USCIS on the CW-1 issue. "We've made all of those recommendations, all have been put forth and all have been presented to USCIS."

October declared Fire Prevention Month

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A total of 2,081 suppression calls were made and responded to by the CNMI Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services in 2015.

Sixteen of the said suppression calls were structure fires, nine vehicle fires, 1,912 debris fires and suppression assistance, and 136 wildfires, according to the document proclaiming October to be Fire Prevention Month, which was signed by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres yesterday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center.

Fire departments in the U.S. responded to 1,240,000 fires in 2015, where 357,000 were structure fires causing 3,240 civilian fire fatalities.

According to national statistics provided by the proclamation, working smoke alarms critically lessen the risks of death by fire by half. Smoke alarms also alert the authorities of fire every 86 seconds, and half of home fire deaths resulted from fires reported at night between 11pm and 7am, when most people are asleep.

CNMI Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Commissioner Clyde Norita shares that first responders are already going the extra mile in serving the community.

"Our first responders go out and educate our community about fire safety because at the end of the day, if they don't practice fire safety, we're going to have to respond and fight the fire. And when you fight the fire we don't know what is behind that. People could be injured already or death could occur," he said. "We go to the schools and teach children about fire safety"

During the weekend, the



JON PEREZ

From left, CNMI Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Commissioner Clyde Norita, and Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero during the proclamation of October as Fire Prevention Month.

CNMI DFEMS goes through residential areas to install smoke detectors, which is a program of the American Red Cross NMI Chapter.

"Every Saturday we are going to go out to the villages and inspect houses for fire safety and install smoke alarms. It's a Red Cross program, and they're providing 500 smoke alarms. If they have a smoke alarm and it is not working, we have a thousand batteries to replace them," shared Norita.



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AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of Minutes September 17, 2016
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS¹
- III. EXECUTIVE SESSION²
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 1. To discuss graduate degree programs
 2. To review proposed rules and regulations from previous board members
- V. MISCELLANEOUS MATTER
- VI. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

/s/ Antonio L. Borja
Chairman

¹ We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting.

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Convicted child molester Calvo out of prison by May

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Convicted child molester Patrick M. Calvo will be released from the Department of Corrections on May 25, 2017, but anytime starting today he can possibly avail of DOC's work release program.

At yesterday's resentencing, Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja imposed a total of seven years imprisonment on the 54-year-old Calvo for sexually abusing a 13-year-old girl in 2008.

Naraja said after completing the prison term, Calvo will be placed on probation for seven years.

Naraja required the defendant to, among other things, seek clinical psychiatric evaluation treatment, register as a sex offender, perform 1,500 hours of community work service, and submit to HIV testing.

Calvo was also ordered to pay restitution to the victim, pay a \$1,000 fine, \$100 in court assessment fee, and \$700 in probation fee.

Naraja said following the

victim's family's request, the defendant is not allowed to have direct or indirect contact with the victim during the probationary period.

The judge said Calvo is restricted from employment involving contact with minors or those under 18 years old.

In an interview after the hearing, Francisco Ada, on behalf of the victim and her family, said the truth is Calvo has yet to acknowledge that he did commit these crimes.

Ada said he is not going to comment on the legalities about the resentencing, but that all he knows is that eight years of imprisonment is not enough and Calvo is going out of jail in May next year or before eight years.

Eight years imprisonment was the original sentence that Naraja imposed in May 2010.

Ada pointed out that Calvo may even be allowed to be released on DOC's work release program starting today, Thursday.

He is hoping that DOC will not allow the defendant to be on work release.

Ada said his nieces were born and raised on Saipan and that they love to come back to their island, see their family, their grandmother here.

Ada said it's very hard for them to return knowing that Calvo will be released before his eight years is up.

Ada said even for the offenses that Calvo committed, still to this day, he has yet to admit.

"Eight years is not enough, is not justice," he said, adding that Calvo robbed "them" of their innocence.

In 2000, the Office of the Attorney General filed two criminal cases against Calvo for allegedly sexually abusing two minor girls in 1997 and 1998.

One jury acquitted him. In 2005, the court dismissed the second case after the government moved to drop the charges.

Ada said in this 2008 case, a lot of issues here in the community were raised with regards to appropriate treatment "whatever it is."

Ada said people that have committed this type of offenses should not seek loopholes in the law so they can be released early.

"I just think that it is really sad for the victims and also how it affects a family and

other families, even his (Calvo) own family," Ada said.

Assistant attorney general Shannon Foley, counsel for the government, refused to comment about the sentence.

Defense counsel Bruce Berline, in an interview, said as he stated the question is about whether the release of Calvo is proper and within the time and the parameters of the sentencing handed down.

"This is the appropriate time. I think the government's own evidence indicated that this is the appropriate time," Berline said.

Berline said certain type of therapy needed and approved is available on Saipan and this is the time to do that.

"You can't just warehouse these people. You're just putting off a problem that's gonna surface down the road," he said, referring to persons convicted of sexual abuse of minors.

He said the government needs to address this problem and they need to come up with adequate services, adequate mental health services for the community.

"This is going to be an ongoing problem," Berline pointed out.

As to the question that Calvo until now is not admitting guilt, Berline refused to comment.

On Calvo possibly going out on work release, Berline

said they are going to try that.

In September 2009, a Superior Court jury found Calvo guilty.

On May 27, 2010, Naraja sentenced Calvo to eight years in prison for sexual assault in the second degree, eight years in jail for sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, five years in prison for sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree, and six months in prison for disturbing the peace.

Naraja merged the sentences for the first three charges and ordered that

the sentence for the last charge is concurrent with the first three other charges. It means that Calvo should serve a total of eight years in prison for all charges. Naraja also imposed many conditions.

Calvo then appealed, asking the CNMI Supreme Court that to reverse his conviction and set a new trial.

In July 2014, the high court upheld Calvo's conviction. The justices, however, ordered the Superior Court to redo the sentencing because it imposed probation, restitution, and community service without suspending some of Calvo's jail term.

In May 2014, the CNMI

Board of Parole denied Calvo's application for parole. Those who opposed Calvo's parole application described him as a monster, a serial sex offender, a pedophile, and good in manipulating persons.

But then-DOC officials described Calvo as a great asset as he worked on the opening of a library and other programs.

Last April, Calvo, through counsel Berline, filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus against then-DOC acting commissioner Georgia M. Cabrera before the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Habeas corpus refers to a court order to a prison warden or an institution holding someone in custody to deliver the imprisoned individual to the court.

In Calvo's petition for habeas corpus, Berline said the Commonwealth's integration into the U.S. political and judicial system, clearly establish that the Sixth Amendment jury trial right is a fundamental constitutional right in the Commonwealth.

Berline said denying Calvo of this right was contrary to or unreasonable application of the Sixth Amendment jurisprudence.

Calvo used to be president of the Rotary Club of Saipan.

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Habitual offender pleads guilty to 'ice' possession

Habitual offender George Taitano Manglona on Tuesday pleaded guilty to the offense of illegal possession of a controlled substance involving

0.30 grams of methamphetamine or "ice."

Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio accepted the 35-year-old Man-

glona's guilty plea and the plea agreement that he entered with the government.

Under the plea deal, the Office of the Attorney General and the defense agree to recommend a prison term of zero to two years and a \$2,000 fine.

Kim-Tenorio set the sentencing for Oct. 11, 2016.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit served as counsel for Manglona. Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds appeared for the government.

According to the factual basis of the plea deal, on March 21, 2016 on Saipan the defendant unlawfully possessed 0.30 grams of "ice".

Police reportedly recovered the "ice" from Manglona who along with a woman were found sleeping inside a car parked on the roadway in Chinatown on March 21 at midnight.

Manglona has several prior criminal convictions, including involuntary manslaughter, and traffic cases.

Drug Enforcement Task Force officer Nicholas A. Rabaulman stated in his report that a police officer was dispatched to Chinatown about a car that was parked on the roadway with its headlights still on for about 30 minutes. (Ferdie de la Torre)



NOTICE OF MEETING NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS' REGULAR MEETING

Date: Friday, September 30, 2016
Time: 9:00a.m.
Venue: Board Regents Conference Room
Saipan Campus

ORDER of BUSINESS

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Review and Adoption of Agenda
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Individuals may orally testify on items on the agenda during the Public Comment Period. Written testimony is also accepted. Testifiers are requested to limit their testimony to five (5) minutes
- III. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Presidential Search
- IV. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** (At any time during the scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential)
 - a. Legal Matters
 - b. Personnel Matters
- V. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Cultural Heritage Month Symposium raises importance of culture



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Local high schools attended the Cultural Heritage Month Symposium held yesterday at the Saipan World Resort, including Kagman High School, Marianas High School, and Saipan Southern High School, to name a few.

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REPORTER

Talks of culture and leadership during the Cultural Heritage Month Symposium held yesterday at the World Resort of Saipan stirred inspiration and pride among the students of Saipan Southern High School, Kagman High School, and Marianas High School.

Keynote speaker Fr. Arthur Leger SJ, who is French/English/Kiribatian/Tongan, talked to the students about indigenous leadership, despite a shaky introduction about indigenous leadership.

"What I wanted to communicate is that this phenomenon called indigenous leadership could just become something



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From left, panelists Vicente Santos, Jesus Elameto, and Manny Borja talk about the importance of culture in terms of music and arts.

that people make up and think about without facts. That's the negative part. I wanted to take the positive parts of a myth, and say that if an in-

digenous leader wants to be effective today, he needs to take the functions of a myth and appropriate it."

According to Leger, an ef-



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Today's speaker Dr. Samuel Betances, left, poses for a picture with his wife Dr. Laura Souder and Dr. Dean Papadopoulos during Day 1 of Cultural Heritage Month Symposium.



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Fr. Arthur Leger and Pale Eric Forbes pose for a picture during the Cultural Heritage Month Symposium at the Saipan World Resort.



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"Do not be afraid of who you are," said Lady Diann Torres during the Cultural Heritage Month Symposium yesterday.

fective indigenous leader is one that knows the three "L's." "One must talk with Life to the people and you must engage in Learning, and Loving yourself," said Leger. "A lot of indigenous people don't love themselves because of their identity. I think that love of self is extremely important, especially for these young people. If we don't love ourselves, we don't learn, we don't give life. Those are my hopes for the students," he added.

Leger is addressing the feeling of the students for the need of a different learning medium for culture, which in his opinion, is completely unnecessary. "We are bringing out students. The majority are high school students for them to learn about their culture, which they feel, needs a different type of learning environment. That's why this is important," said Leger when questioned on the importance of the event. "I think preserving all indigenous culture is important because they are distinct. I think that one and everybody knows it, but they were discriminated against. I think they have a story to tell that is different to other stories, and that is my big point, that they need to tell their own stories in their own languages, with their own symbols."

Day 2 of the CHM Symposium would start today at 7am, in the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort, with keynote speaker Souder Betances & Associates Inc. senior diversity consultant Dr. Samuel Betances.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

September 29, 2000

NMIRF seeks \$6-M funding to settle government's unpaid bills

The Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund is seeking a \$6 million funding from the Legislature to wipe out the outstanding debt of the government's health insurance program and hire a review utilization firm. Health providers from the U.S. mainland and Hawaii have demanded \$5 million to settle the unpaid billings of the government health insurance, according to Vicente Camacho, board chair of the NMIRF. But the release of funding from the Legislature is dependent on the hiring of a review utilization firm by the Fund.

House bill dulls attraction of CNMI to lawyers

The Attorney General's Office has warned against legislation scrapping government housing benefits, saying the move will make it more difficult for the CNMI to hire and retain government lawyers from the U.S. mainland. Noting other jurisdictions offer attractive compensation package, it said even indigenous lawyers would be discouraged to join government service here without such perks. Assistant Attorney General Elliot A. Sattler presented the AGO's position in a testimony presented to the House Judiciary and Government Operations Committee which is reviewing HB 12-34 amending the government housing law.

The measure, if it becomes law, will eliminate housing allow-

ance and benefits given to some employees in an effort to save the government millions of dollars for use by other essential services.

September 29, 2004

PSS administrators developing leadership skills

Administrators within public schools are currently attending a three-day workshop intended to enhance their leadership skills. According to workshop facilitators Sandra Taosaka and Monica Mann of the Hawaii Department of Education, the training would improve or shape school leaders' behaviors in addressing issues currently tackled by their respective school administration. Taosaka said that among the goals of the workshop is to train administrators on how to hold effective meetings; ways on encouraging participation and collaboration from other members of the group; and creating safe environments "where people want to contribute and feel valued."

Govt revenue collections reach \$55.2M in Q2

Government tax collections increased to \$55.2 million during the year's second quarter, nearly \$3 million higher than the total tax collections during the previous quarter. The second quarter's total collection reflects a 4.7-percent surge from the first quarter's collection of \$52.72 million. Compared to 2003's second quarter collection, government revenue also posted an increase from that period's \$54.58 million collection. Business Gross Receipt Tax contributed mainly to the latest figures released by the Department of Commerce, with a total of \$14.13 million being collected during this year's second quarter. Wage and salary tax reached \$9.36 million, while territorial and corporate income taxes contributed \$2.87 million to the total collections. Garment certification fee went down slightly to \$6.89 million compared with the previous quarter's \$7.77 million. Excise tax collections

also went down to \$5.73 million, down from the previous period's \$6.11 million.

September 29, 2005

Villagers weary of eating Tanapag crabs

Thirty-nine-year-old Tanapag resident Margie Palad remains hesitant when it comes to eating the village's land crabs, expressing doubts that the crabs are now safe to eat. "We're close to the cemetery. Even though the crabs are good, I don't like to eat those," Palad said. Palad is just one of many Tanapag residents who remain worried about eating land crabs from the village, despite a recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency statement that declared the crabs safe for human consumption. The Tanapag Action Group was set to meet with Department of Public Health officials yesterday regarding EPA's declaration, according to the group's Sylvestre Iguel. "What we need to hear are health professionals' comments simply because this is a health concern," Iguel said. "We appreciate the EPA's efforts. Our only concern is to have the findings concurred by local health officials."

PSS gets \$54M from house

The Public School System got more than what it expected after the House of Representatives passed yesterday a bill giving the agency not its requested amount of \$50 million but \$54 million. House lawmakers unanimously passed House Bill 14-371, which now provides \$54 million for the PSS. The school system is currently budgeted at \$37.2 million. This bill is one of the urgent bills that the Senate will be acting on during its emergency session today. If no changes are made by the Senate, the bill will go to the governor for signing. The additional \$4 million came even as House Joint Resolution 15-54 remains pending at the House Ways and Means Committee.

Guam DOE voluntarily settles EEOC disability charge for \$80K

HONOLULU—The Guam Department of Education will pay \$80,000 and provide other relief to settle a charge of disability discrimination filed with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the federal agency announced yesterday.

The charge made to EEOC alleged that a school aide with multiple disabilities was denied an accommodation when the school assigned her to traffic duty against her doctor's restrictions. The charge further asserted that the denial of the accommodation resulted in the school aide becoming ill and being removed from the school in an ambulance. EEOC investigated the allegations and found reasonable cause to believe that the Guam Department of Education failed to provide her with a reasonable accommodation, in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).

Without admitting liability, the department agreed to enter into a three-year conciliation agreement with EEOC and the alleged victim, thereby avoiding litigation. Aside from the monetary relief, the department agreed to hire an outside equal employment opportunity consultant to conduct effective training for all managers and supervisors

on the ADA and to revise its current policies to include a comprehensive reasonable accommodation policy. EEOC will monitor compliance with this agreement.

"People with disabilities have the right to a reasonable accommodation in the workplace," said Glory Gervacio Saure, director of EEOC's Honolulu Office, which includes Guam in its jurisdiction. "Under the ADA, an accommodation is any change in the work environment or in the way things are customarily done that enables someone with a disability to enjoy equal employment opportunities. I commend the Guam Department of Education for working with EEOC to resolve this complaint and for implementing measures intended to protect workers who require an accommodation for their disability."

One of the six national priorities identified by the Commission's Strategic Enforcement Plan (SEP) is for the Commission to address emerging and developing issues in equal employment law, including issues involving the ADA.

EEOC is responsible for enforcing federal laws against employment discrimination. Further information is available at www.eeoc.gov. (PR)

New officer-in-charge of Marine Corps Activity Guam

DEDEDO, Guam—Col. Brent W. Bien assumed the duties of officer-in-charge of Marine Corps Activity Guam from Col. Philip J. Zimmerman this morning.

Bien, a native of Laramie, Wyoming, was commissioned in 1991 and trained as a Naval Aviator for the AH-1W Cobra. In his career, he was deployed in support of operations in Bosnia/Herzegovina, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq.

He has served as a Forward Air Contoller and Company Commander for 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, Operations Officer for Marine Aircraft Group 26, and Commanding Officer of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 167 located at Marine Corps Air Station, New River. Some of his staff assignments include Plans Officer at the National Airborne Operations Center, Assistant Chief of Staff G-7 for Marine Corps Installations East, and Fires and Effects

Coordinator and Air officer for II Marine Expeditionary Force before his most recent assignment to Guam as the officer-in-charge of MCAG.

"The establishment of a Marine Corps Base on Guam is one of the most important missions for the Marine Corps right now," Bien explained. "We've got a lot of work ahead of us and I'm both humbled and excited to be a part of this endeavor, working side by side with the community to get this done."

Zimmerman is scheduled to retire in December after 29 years of service in the United States Marine Corps.

MCAG was formed by U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, headquartered in Hawaii, to facilitate the build-up and re-introduction of Marine Forces to the region. The Officer-In-Charge is the United States Marine Corps' representative to the territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of Mariana Islands. (PR)



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Clinton vs. Trump: Score their debate as a cliffhanger

Maybe you heeded the sportswriter who advised watching “World Series of Poker” (a stress-free distraction) or staring at photos of baby llamas (blissfully narcotizing). But if you were among the supposed 100 million viewers who spent Monday night with Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, then you saw what we did: moments of primal strength, but neither candidate knocked senseless.

Score this first debate as a cliffhanger still awaiting its climax. Partisans saw just what they came to see; flipping channels afterward, we were amused at the certainty with which talking heads declared Clinton, or Trump, the winner. We’ll all learn from opinion polls of coming days how much of that was mere cheerleading. But for most of the national audience, we’d wager, Monday night was less about the issues than about the gladiators: Did Clinton look healthy and likable enough to be America’s president? (Probably yes.) Did Trump come across as a bully, a buffoon or both? (Not really. A cynic would say he did come across as a New Yorker.)

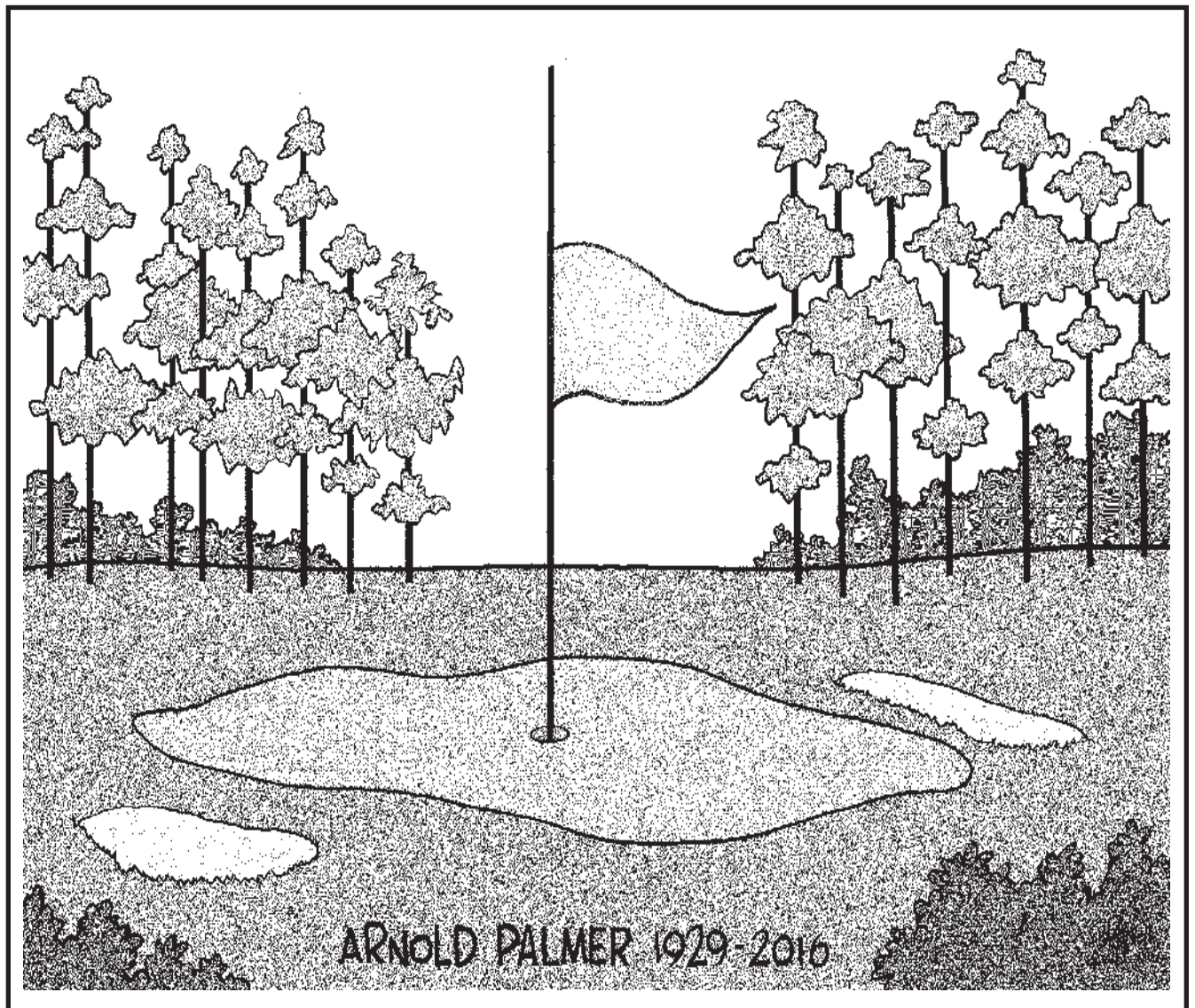
In the crucial first 45 minutes, with viewers open-minded and social media revving up, Clinton largely stuck to talking points about jobs and a better economy; Trump talked over her to accuse U.S. politicians, Clinton included, of letting American employers fire workers here and flee to other countries. Neither candidate blew us away, but we were glad neither lives next door. Clinton, determined not to take grief from her opponent, spent the night addressing him as “Donald,” not Mr. Trump. He in turn tried to look decorous and respectful — not the crazy candidate you’ve heard about — by addressing her as “Secretary Clinton.”

For Clinton, one of Monday night’s challenges was to unleash Trump, to send him into the rants that satisfy his loyalists but frighten centrist voters. That didn’t really happen. Nor did Clinton come across as a humorless policy wonk. We wondered going into the night whether Trump could survive by sticking to broad themes, or whether Clinton’s command of facts and figures would dazzle us. That deep chasm didn’t open.

Nothing either candidate said strayed from what Americans have already heard. The night was all about style.

Trump had the choice of which among his personalities to project — brash, charming, impatient, supremely confident. Viewers saw flashes of each, but he grew especially energetic in declaring himself the law and order candidate — and citing Chicago as a city overwhelmed by violent crime, with thousands of people shot this year. “Is this a war-torn country?” Trump asked. “What are we doing? ... Almost 4,000 people have been killed in Chicago since Barack Obama became president.” (Chicago police count close to 3,700.) Clinton responded with praise for community policing, a critique of stop-and-frisk tactics and a call for programs that steer young

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Clinton actions on Benghazi disqualifying

Hillary Clinton spent part of Monday night, as well as the last year and a half, trying to convince the American people why she’s the best choice to be the next president of the United States. The entirety of her pitch seems to be that she’s the most qualified candidate due to her record as a U.S. senator and secretary of state. But, in reality, it is her record as secretary of state that disqualifies her from consideration.

Look no further than Clinton’s disastrous handling of the situation in Libya. For Clinton it was simple: Libya was supposed to be the crowning jewel of the Clinton-Obama foreign policy. It was the perfect example of how it’s supposed to work: no boots on the ground, oust a dictator, and help usher in the Arab spring.

But Libya — specifically Benghazi — turned out to be anything but a crowning achievement and, in fact, would ultimately disqualify Clinton from ever serving as commander-in-chief.

For months, the Clinton State Department failed to heed numerous warnings about the deteriorating security situation in Benghazi. When other nations pulled out of Libya, U.S. assets remained on the ground, despite the fact that more than 200 security incidents took place. In fact, Benghazi had gotten so dangerous that one State Department diplomatic security agent called it a “suicide mission” and said “there was a very good chance that everyone was going to die,” referring to Americans remaining in the country.

But the State Department ignored these warnings. Nothing would get in the way of the Clinton-Obama foreign policy legacy.

And then it happened.

On Sept. 11, 2012, Ambassador Chris Stevens’ residence in Benghazi was overrun in a coordinated terrorist assault carried out by an al-Qaida-aligned group. The attack claimed the lives of Stevens and Sean Smith, a U.S. foreign service officer. The residence was torched and the ambassador was dragged through the streets. Stevens was the first U.S. ambassador to be killed in the line of duty since 1979.

Next, the coordinated terrorist attack hit the CIA annex building, roughly a mile away, where occupants endured hours of assault. That attack ultimately claimed the lives of CIA contractors and former Navy SEALs Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty.

But before the attack had even ended in Benghazi — and before any U.S. military assets were ever deployed to assist Americans — the political spin in Washington began. While

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The Philadelphia Inquirer

U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan, R, Ohio, serves on the Benghazi Select Committee and is the chairman of the House Freedom Caucus. He wrote this for The Philadelphia Inquirer. Readers may follow him on Twitter @Jim—Jordan.



Woods was still on the roof of the CIA annex fighting for his life, Clinton, presidential adviser Ben Rhodes, and other Obama administration officials were trying to reclaim the narrative with a 10:08p.m. State Department press release.

They would soon go on television and blame the coordinated terrorist assault on a YouTube video, claiming the attack started as a spontaneous protest in response to the video.

Think about that: A spontaneous protest using rocket-propelled grenades, mortars, and truck-mounted artillery.

Publicly, Clinton allowed one story to be told to the American people, while she told a very different story — the truth — privately. She and her cohorts publicly blamed “inflammatory material posted on the internet” even as privately she told her daughter that terrorists had killed our people. She also told the Egyptian prime minister that it was a planned attack, not a protest.

Repeatedly, she claimed there was no information to suggest it was a pre-planned attack — despite a senior State Department official in Libya saying it was a well-planned attack.

Remember the context: This took place 56 days before a presidential election and the Clinton-Obama foreign policy legacy was on the line. At every turn Clinton was more concerned with politics than getting the truth to the American people — including the victims’ families.

When Sean Smith’s remains were being returned to the United States, Clinton told his mother that the video was responsible. She also told Tyrone Woods’ father that she was going to have the filmmaker responsible arrested, knowing full well that this was a coordinated terrorist attack and that no U.S. forces had taken off before the attack had ended.

For Clinton, politics trumped the truth and honoring the memories of the lives lost in Benghazi. That alone disqualifies her from ever being commander-in-chief.

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Trump takes Clinton's bait and hooks himself

The entire 90-minute debate on Monday night was a demonstration that Donald Trump doesn't have the temperament to be president.

Hillary Clinton was prepared — she always is — and she baited Trump early and often. And Trump got caught each time. He also hooked himself, including in at least two exchanges with moderator Lester Holt (who did an excellent job, allowing both candidates to talk). Here are some examples:

In Clinton's very first response to Trump, about trade, she managed to work in that the reality-television star "started his business with \$14 million, borrowed from his father." Trump could have let that go. Trade is a pretty good issue for him, and one on which he scored one of his few debating points of the night. But he just couldn't pass up the challenge to his claim to be a self-made man, and he got diverted into defending himself against her jab.

This one didn't cost him much momentum. But it established a pattern that continued for the rest of the night. She would bait him about something, and he would defend himself.

Perhaps the most damaging part was on his undisclosed tax returns, which Holt asked him about. Trump gave his standard (nonsense) answer that he couldn't release his returns while he was under an IRS audit, and then he finished strong with an attack on Clinton's emails. The contrast in what happened next was instructive.

Clinton entirely ignored the email question, and immediately launched into several points about what Trump might be hiding in his tax returns. She was prepared, and it showed. In responding, Trump not only never remembered to return

to the email question. He also wound up essentially bragging about never paying any taxes. (Perhaps he meant something else — he wasn't especially coherent on this — but the main point is that he wound up unable to stop himself from talking about something that surely wasn't in his game plan for the debate. If he had a game plan.)

The Republican nominee also wound up in a long, extended and unflattering argument with Holt about the "birther" issue, another subject he's probably better off just deflecting and moving on from.

He also fought with Holt over the question of whether he supported or opposed the Iraq war before it started. The evidence shows he supported it. He could have simply admitted that he wasn't really engaged on the issue at the time and had been willing at first to trust George W. Bush on the war. Then he could have pointed out that Clinton was in a position to know better and accused her of failing the nation. Instead, for no apparent reason, other than plain old stubbornness, he clearly came ready to argue about audio clips from 2002.

The most revealing display, however, was when he was actually flying off the handle. After Trump bragged about his temperament, Clinton responded with a few real-world examples of why "a man who could be provoked by a tweet shouldn't have his fingers anywhere near the nuclear codes." She mentioned the episode recently when Trump wanted U.S. forces to fire on Iranian boats that had taunted them. He interrupted (as he did that quite often), correcting her (or so he thought) that, "No, they were taunting us."

In other words, Trump was advocating a foreign policy that would let no taunt go unpunished. Even if it led to a

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Bloomberg View



few more wars.

As for the other debate action, little of it went well for Trump. As usual, he displayed little or no knowledge of government and public policy. At one point, when asked if the U.S. should adopt a no-first-use doctrine, he clearly had no idea what that was.

Clinton, to my eyes, gave a performance that was about average for her. She fell in love with one unimpressive zinger (calling his economic plans "Trumped-up trickle-down" twice), but overall she showed that she's a perfectly adequate candidate for anyone looking for one. And she had a few strong moments, absolutely burying Trump when he questioned her stamina near the end of the debate, for example.

Once again, Trump reacted to her devastating shot by trying a do-over, flailing around and making the same pointless attack in a different way when he should have dropped it and moved on. He ended up prolonging the moment, a clear point for her. In sum, it was the story of the night.

Donald Trump and the second battle of the sexes

In 1973, a trash-talking, over-age, self-described "chauvinist pig" named Bobby Riggs took on Billie Jean King in a tennis match in the Houston Astrodome that was billed as The Battle of the Sexes. King won in straight sets.

History repeated itself Monday in the first one-on-one debate of Donald Trump's career.

After controlling himself for the first two questions, Trump discarded all the advice that he must have received from debate handlers like Roger Ailes. Drinking water nervously and grimacing when he wasn't speaking, Trump began interrupting Hillary Clinton after almost every sentence.

While Trump's shouted comments initially landed glancing blows (attacking Bill Clinton over NAFTA), the former reality-show host soon degenerated into pure gibberish. In the

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men in troubled neighborhoods into jobs and away from a life of crime.

On companion questions with implications for the next four years — Do you want Trump in the Oval Office? Do you want Clinton on the TV in your living room? — neither candidate was as off-putting as his or her detractors had hoped. Trump interjected one-liners to throw Clinton off her game; her prescriptions for addressing many problems America faces opened with variations of, I've developed a plan ...

Where did the candidates land at the end of the night? Not clear. Trump's polling numbers have been more erratic than Clinton's; many voters already knew what they think of her. Trump was Monday night's variable. Going into this debate, she held a lead of barely 2 percentage points in the RealClearPolitics average of nine national polls. Owing to Trump's late-summer rise in the polls, that was one-third of her lead six weeks earlier.

In another six weeks we'll learn whether, back on a Monday night in September, she or Trump began to make the better closing argument to America.

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history of presidential debates, it is hard to top Trump's non sequitur, "No wonder you've been fighting ISIS all your life."

In a 2000 Senate debate, Rick Lazio angrily walked over to Hillary Clinton's lectern and demanded that she sign a pledge. The Lazio gambit was criticized afterward as re-enacting the kind of menacing moments that women fear. But compared to Trump, Lazio took etiquette lessons from Emily Post.

During it all, moderator Lester Holt played Caspar Milquetoast, a 1920s cartoon figure who personified soft-spoken timidity. In fact, it is safe to say that Holt gave potted plants a bad name.

In the debate, Trump boasted again that he wanted to keep his plans for taking on the Islamic State terror group a secret to maintain strategic advantage. But what was fascinating was that Trump's debate strategy offered no surprises. It was a greatest hits tour of Trump's rudest moments, devoid of even flashes of humor.

By playing to type, Trump played right into Clinton's well-executed game plan. If there was a moment when Hillary sensed that it was going to be her night, it probably came when she baited Trump for the first time. In a riff on trickle-down economics, Clinton said that her opponent "started his business with \$14 million borrowed from his father."

It was a mild dig — and a more disciplined candidate might have ignored it. Instead, Trump began his answer on jobs by saying defensively, "Before we start on that — my father gave me a very small loan in 1975, and I built it into a company that's worth many, many billions of dollars."

By the way, the bilious billionaire's answer on bringing back manufacturing jobs was a Trumpian tautology: "The first thing you do is don't let the jobs leave."

Even when Clinton handed him opportunities, Trump failed to seize the moment. In the midst of answer about enforcing the terms of trade deals, Hillary suddenly said, "I'm going to have a special prosecutor." Now if there are two words that no Clinton should ever utter in a debate, they are "special prosecutor." But, for the only time Monday night, Trump stayed silent.

Trump came across as the least prepared prime-time debater since the 1976 vice presidential face-off when Bob Dole

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slouched against the lectern and railed against "Democrat wars in this century."

Violating every protocol of everyman politics, Trump actually bragged about not paying any taxes: "That makes me smart." And unlike any prior candidate running for the commander in chief, Trump freely admitted that until recently, "I haven't given lots of thought to NATO."

History suggests that voters generally score debates more on presentation than on policy. But on both fronts, Clinton was at the top of her game, smiling frequently and naturally. If authenticity can be a learned skill, then the former secretary of state learned it for this debate.

As Tim Crouse recounted in "The Boys on the Bus," his classic account of the press covering the 1972 campaign, reporters used to hover over the typewriter of Walter Mears, the AP correspondent, wanting to know what the news lead would be. That form of pack journalism now seems quaint, but even in an era of social media it takes a few days for the after-effects of a debate to percolate through the system.

That is why it is a risky game to predict where the polls will be at the end of the week. But it is hard to imagine that there was a single moment in the debate that would have convinced a wavering college-educated woman in the Philadelphia or Cincinnati suburbs to vote for Trump. In fact, Trump seemed to be debating with the single-minded goal of turning his gender gap into a canyon.

Forty-three years after the first Battle of the Sexes, Hillary Clinton defeated Donald Trump in straight sets.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY

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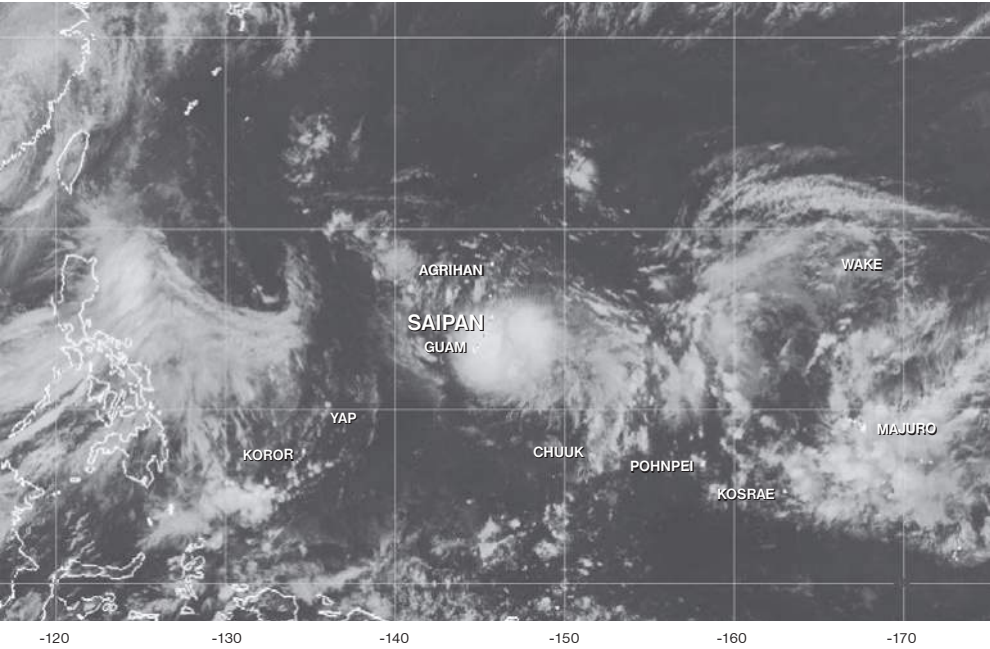
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Kosrae	Mostly cloudy	80 / 86 °F
Majuro	Thunderstorms	82 / 86 °F

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From left, Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Commonwealth Cancer Association program manger Juan L. Babauta, and CCA treasurer Frank C. Aguon in last Friday's signing of House Bill 19-165 at the Governor's Office's conference room. HB 19-65, which prohibits the sale of betel nut to minors, is now Public Law 19-66.



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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, right, listens while Commonwealth Cancer Association president Bo Palacios looks on in last Friday's signing of House local Bill 19-65 at the Governor's Office's conference room. HB 19-65 is now Public Law 19-66.



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Gemkell general manager Beth Chandler poses with staff and guests after the blessing of the Calvin Klein Saipan outlet at the Paseo de Marianas in Garapan last Friday.



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Saipan Chamber of Commerce executive director Jill Arenovski with Calvin Klein Saipan manager Andrea Sablan during the opening of Calvin Klein at the Paseo de Marianas last Friday.



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NEW ELECTION CHIEF

Commonwealth Election Commissioners in a group photo with their counsel assistant attorney general Michael Witry, center, and newly appointed CEC executive director Julita A. Villagomez after last week's board meeting.



SAFETY FIRST

Acting governor Victor Hocog signs the proclamation declaring Sept. 18-24 as Child Passenger Safety Week and Sept. 24 as National Seat Check Saturday at the Governor's Office on Capital Hill earlier this month.

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POTHOLE PROBLEMS

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board chair Adelina Roberto stresses a point regarding potholes in villages on Saipan caused by CUC's waterline repairs project during a board meeting on Thursday. Roberto and vice chair Eric San Nicolas said CUC should not be at the mercy of contractors.

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SENATE SESSION

Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Saipan), right, speaks while Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian), and Sen. Steve K. Mesngon (R-Rota) listen in last week's Senate session at the Senate Chamber inside the Hon. Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building.

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Business

Wells Fargo claws back part of CEO, other executive's salary

WASHINGTON (AP)—Wells Fargo says CEO John Stumpf and the executive who ran the bank's retail banking division will forfeit tens of millions of dollars in pay as the bank tries to stem a scandal over its sales practices.

The independent directors at the nation's second-largest bank said Tuesday that Stumpf will forfeit \$41 million in stock awards, while former retail banking executive Carrie Tolstedt will forfeit \$19 million of her stock awards, effective immediately. Both are also giving up any bonuses for 2016, and Tolstedt will not receive any severance or any other compensation in connection with her retirement, the bank's directors said.

The announcement comes ahead of Stumpf's planned appearance before the House Financial Services Committee on Thursday, where he is expected to face a bipartisan grilling similar to what he experienced last week from the Senate Banking Committee.

The San Francisco-based bank's independent directors are also launching their own investigation, hiring the law firm Shearman & Sterling to assist them.

In their announcement, the independent directors said the moves did not preclude the board from pursuing more salary clawbacks from Stumpf or Tolstedt, depending on the results of the investigation. Stumpf, as a member of Wells

Fargo's board of directors and chairman of the board, has recused himself from any decisions that may come from that investigation, the board said.

"We will proceed with a sense of urgency but will take the time we need to conduct a thorough investigation," Stephen Sanger, Wells Fargo's lead independent director, said in a statement.

Wells Fargo had been under pressure from lawmakers and others to implement its executive compensation clawback provisions after the bank agreed to pay \$185 million to settle allegations its employees opened millions of accounts without customers' permission to reach aggressive sales targets.

Unhappy Target customers send strong message on pill bottles

By TOM MURPHY
AP HEALTH WRITER

Longtime customers of Target's pharmacies are finding a change in pill bottle design hard to swallow.

After CVS began operating Target's drugstores earlier this year, distraught customers have been asking—in some cases begging—the drugstore chain to bring back the retailer's red prescription bottles, which came with color-coded rings, labeling on the top and prescription information that was easier to read.

Some customers also took more drastic steps.

Vivian Ruth Sawyer went fishing through her trash to rescue the old Target bottles soon

after opening her stapled prescription bag to find the dowdy, white-capped amber vials that are common in most medicine cabinets. She has since poured refills of her thyroid medicine into the old Target bottles, even though they don't have the right expiration dates. It's worth it, she said, because those bottles make it easier to tell her prescriptions apart when she looks in her drawer for them.

"This is really inconvenient and irritating," the Louisville, Kentucky, resident said.

CVS says it is working on designing a new system for dispensing prescriptions and helping people stay on their medications, but spokeswoman Carolyn Castel declined to share details or say whether

that might involve an updated bottle design.

Meanwhile, shoppers continue to mourn the loss of a bottle that was considered groundbreaking when it debuted about a decade ago and was once on display at New York's Museum of Modern Art.

Target flipped bottle design on its head in 2005 when it introduced a red container with the opening on the bottom. That allowed the label to wrap around the top so it could be seen from above. It included a flat surface that customers found easier to read than the curve of a typical pill bottle, and it came with color-coded rings for the neck to help family members quickly tell their medicines apart.

Colleges lavishing more financial aid on wealthy students

STORRS, Conn. (AP)—Spencer Mulligan knew his family could pay for his college education, even without loans or grants. So when the University of Connecticut offered a merit award of \$20,000 over four years, he saw it as a bonus.

As a discount on in-state tuition, it brought the cost well below half of what his family might have paid at his other top choices, Penn State or the University of Vermont.

"My dad was kind of split because he didn't want to push me into going to a school because of financial reasons," said Mulligan, a 21-year-old computer science student from Darien, one of the nation's wealthiest communities. "Without financial reasons I might have gone to

Penn State, but on the other hand he was like, 'If you go to UConn, it will save us a bunch of money.'

"That means now I can pressure him into getting me stuff," he joked.

Financial aid, traditionally a lifeline for poorer students at public colleges, is increasingly being used to attract students from more affluent families. In competition with private schools and other public institutions, the state schools are using the money to lure the most qualified students, raise average test scores and entice students from high-income families who can pay the rest of the full sticker price.

Critics say that by devoting aid to students who don't need it, state schools are punishing the poor, making it

harder for them to attend college when the gap between tuition costs and affordability is only growing.

"The reality is that for poor families, it's a question of whether the kids go to college at all. For the better-off family, it's a question of which college," said Harold Levy, director of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, which provides need-based scholarships. "It's a tragic waste of talent. It alters the lives of students."

Of the institutional aid given last year to UConn freshmen, the amount not based on need rose to \$19.9 million, up from \$12.9 million five years earlier. But the school also increased the amount of need-based aid it offered, \$50.9 million, up from \$38.9 million five years earlier.

Nation

As Clinton cheers, Donald Trump digs in after debate

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)—A defensive Donald Trump gave Hillary Clinton plenty of fresh material for the next phase of her presidential campaign on Tuesday, choosing to publicly reopen and relitigate some her most damaging attacks.

The day after his first general election debate, Trump blamed the moderator and a bad microphone and said he was holding back to avoid embarrassing Clinton. Next time, he threatened, he might get more personal and make a bigger political issue of former President Bill Clinton's marital infidelities.

Things are already getting plenty personal. On Monday night, Trump brushed off Clinton's debate claim that he'd once shamed a former Miss Universe winner for her weight. But then he dug deeper the next day—extending the controversy over what was one of his most negative debate night moments.

"She gained a massive amount of weight. It was a real problem. We had a real problem," Trump told "Fox and Friends" about Alicia Machado, the 1996 winner of the pageant he once owned.

The comments were reminiscent of previous times when Trump has attacked private citizens in deeply



AP
Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump and Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton shake hands during the presidential debate at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., Monday, Sept. 26, 2016.

personal terms. Earlier this month, he was interrupted by the pastor of a traditionally African-American church in Flint, Michigan, after breaking his agreement not to be political in his remarks. Though Trump abided by her wishes, he went after her the next morning on TV saying she was "a nervous mess" and that he thought "something was up."

In July, Trump assailed the parents of Humayun Khan, a Muslim U.S. soldier who was killed in Iraq in 2004, after the young man's father spoke out against the Republican at the Democratic National Convention.

"I watched her very carefully and I was also holding back," Trump said of Clinton, reflecting on the debate at an evening rally Tuesday

in Melbourne, Florida. "I didn't want to do anything to embarrass her."

It's unclear whether a Trump attack on Bill Clinton's infidelities may help or hurt his appeal.

But Trump's latest comments about Machado were striking in that they came just as he was working to broaden his appeal among minority voters and women—key demographic groups he's struggling to win.

Clinton aides on Tuesday acknowledged they'd laid a trap for Trump.

"He seemed unable to handle that big stage," said Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta. "By the end, with kind of snorting and the water gulping and leaning on the lectern that he just seemed really out of gas."

ACROSS THE NATION

House explosion kills fire battalion chief, a rising star

NEW YORK (AP)—A battalion chief who had been considered a rising star in the Fire Department of New York was killed Tuesday when a row house exploded as he was supervising an evacuation following a report of a gas leak, and authorities are looking into whether the building was being used to grow marijuana. Later Tuesday, investigators said they were questioning a person of interest but provided no details. The two-story house and adjoining homes in the Bronx had already been emptied of occupants and fire personnel had been on the scene for an hour when the 7:30 a.m. blast jolted neighbors awake, tore off the building's roof and hurled pieces of wood and brick into the

street. Michael Fahy, a 17-year fire department veteran and father of three, was directing operations from the street when he was hit by falling debris, authorities said. "It is a reminder of the dangers that our first responders face every day, the dangers that the men and women of the FDNY face and the bravery with which they do their job," Democratic Mayor Bill de Blasio said after meeting with Fahy's family at a hospital.

Mom arrested after disabled son, 27, dies of malnourishment

PUEBLO, Colo. (AP)—A Colorado woman has been arrested in the death of her 27-year-old disabled son, who investigators say was undernourished and weighed about 90 pounds when he died. Carol Carpenter, 69, of Blanca, was arrested Mon-

day on a charge of first-degree murder for the Oct. 23 death of Corey Carpenter, according to Susan Medina, a spokeswoman for the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. Costilla County Undersheriff Andrew Espinoza told The Denver Post the man did not know how to prepare his own food, and he was so malnourished that his bones showed through his skin. "He wasn't provided the food and water he needed to live," the undersheriff said, adding that the man died of abandonment and neglect. Blanca Mayor Myrrl Smith said Carol Carpenter and her son lived in an old trailer home perched on the side of Mount Blanca. "He was totally disabled. She had to take care of him ever since her husband died," said Smith, who described Carol Carpenter as "a little, bitty old skinny woman" who kept to herself.

Asia

Up to 8 inmates fight in PH Prison riot, 1 Chinese killed

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Up to eight inmates fought at the Philippine national penitentiary Wednesday, leaving a high-profile Chinese drug lord dead and four other inmates injured, officials said. The melee occurred amid a congressional investigation into the drug trade within the facility.

Justice Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre II said a riot broke out Wednesday after an inmate reprimanded three Chinese drug convicts who were using methamphetamine.

He identified the dead as Tony Co. He said Co and two other injured Chinese convicts are among the biggest drug traders in the country.

Also injured was Jaybee Sebastian, a prison leader being asked by officials to testify in the congressional investigation against Senator Leila de Lima.

De Lima, a former justice secretary, has said Sebastian was a tipster who gave her department information that led to a 2014 raid of the penitentiary. The raid exposed how high-profile convicts lived in air-conditioned villas equipped with hot tubs and disco lights. Guns, counting machines, cellphones and other gadgets were confiscated.

As former head of the Commission on Human Rights, De Lima earned Duterte's ire for investigating his alleged links

to death squads in southern Davao City, where was mayor. She also recently led a Senate investigation into Duterte's anti-drug war that has left more than 3,000 suspected drug pushers and users dead.

Duterte has accused De Lima of collecting money from the illegal drugs trade operated by drug lords from the penitentiary—a charge de Lima calls “lies.”

Bureau of Corrections director Rolando Asuncion says the seven to eight inmates involved in the riot are from two rival gangs. The violence ended quickly and occurred in a contained area separate from the larger inmate population.

Massive typhoon hits eastern China, Taiwan, killing 5

BEIJING (AP)—A massive typhoon left one person dead in eastern China on Wednesday, a day after killing four and injuring 260 in Taiwan.

Typhoon Megi weakened to a tropical storm after hitting the coastal city of Quanzhou in Fujian province before dawn, packing winds of up to 118 kilometers (74 miles) per hour, China's National Meteorological Center said.

One person died after several structures collapsed in Quanzhou, state-approved news media reported. In Fuzhou, Fujian's provincial

capital, people were shown on state television walking through knee-deep waters that had swamped major roads. Schools were closed and dozens of flights were canceled.

The storm was forecast to move northwest Wednesday and fade gradually.

In Taiwan on Tuesday, the typhoon's bands of heavy rain and sustained winds of 162 kilometers (100 miles) per hour blanketed the island by midafternoon as the eye of the storm made landfall on the east coast.

Authorities had raised alert levels for Taiwan, which is prone to landslides and flooding, said National Fire Agency Director-General Chen Wen-lung.

The 268 injured included eight Japanese tourists traveling in a tour bus that turned on its side in central Taiwan. Three people suffered fatal falls and a fourth person died in a truck crash, said Lee Wei-sen, a spokesman for Taiwan's Central Emergency Operations Center. Many of the injuries were from falling and wind-blown objects.

to be trying to negotiate around these areas when the crash happened. The bus slipped off the road near Lapang Phedi village, 120 kilometers (75 miles) west of Kathmandu, the capital, and rolled about 300 meters (980 feet) before stopping on the banks of the Ankhu River. Parajuli said rescuers were at the crash site. At least nine people were injured, with a helicopter flown to the site from Kathmandu to try to fetch them.

India to not participate in regional summit in Pakistan

NEW DELHI (AP)—New Delhi will not participate in a meeting of South Asian nations to be held in Islamabad in November, its foreign ministry said in a statement late Tuesday. The statement didn't name Pakistan but tensions between the neighbors and arch-rivals have been high since a militant attack on an army base in the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir killed 18 Indian soldiers. The ministry said it has written to Nepal, the current chair of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, that “increasing cross-border terrorist attacks in the region and growing interference in the internal affairs of Member States by one country” have created an environment that is “not conducive” for a successful summit. Indian investigators say maps, weapons and other evidence indicated that the attackers were from Jaish-e-Mohammed, an outlawed militant group based in Pakistan. Pakistan denies the charges.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Explosion kills 19 in ‘illegal’ coal mine in northern China

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese authorities blamed illegal mining activities for a gas explosion at a coal mine that killed 19 people and left one other miner missing, Chinese state media reported Wednesday. Tuesday morning's explosion occurred at a small coal mine when 20 miners were working underground in the city of Shizuishan in the northwestern region of Ningxia, the official Xinhua News Agency said. State broadcaster CCTV said the blast killed 19 people. Local officials said at a press conference early Wednesday that representatives of the company that owned the mine, the Linli Coal Mining Co. Ltd., were in police custody, Xinhua said. Xinhua cited an initial investigation as showing that the blast was caused by illegal mining, but did not provide details. The company could not immediately be reached at its listed phone number, which rang busy.

Overcrowded bus slips off mountain road in Nepal, killing 14

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)—An overcrowded bus slipped off a mountain road in Nepal on Tuesday, killing at least 14 people, an official said. The bus was carrying passengers both inside and on the roof, said Dhading District Administration official Toran Parajuli. He said that the road was covered in parts by mud from landslides, and that the bus driver appeared

World

Battle for besieged Syrian city of Aleppo intensifies



In this photo provided by the Syrian Civil Defense group known as the White Helmets, Syrians carry a victim after airstrikes by government helicopters on the rebel-held Aleppo neighborhood of Mashhad, Syria, Tuesday Sept. 27, 2016.

BEIRUT (AP)—With international diplomacy in tatters and the U.S. focused on its election, the Syrian government and its Russian allies are seizing the moment to wage an all-out campaign to recapture Aleppo, unleashing the most destructive bombing of the past five years and pushing into the center of the Old City.

Desperate residents describe horrific scenes in

Syria's largest city and one-time commercial center, with hospitals and underground shelters hit by indiscriminate airstrikes that the U.N. said may amount to a war crime.

Debris covers streets lined with bombed-out buildings, trapping people in their neighborhoods and hindering rescue workers. On Tuesday, activists reported at least 23 people killed in airstrikes on two districts in the rebel-held

Confidential UN report details South Sudan threats, violence

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP)—The U.N. ambulance carried an urgent patient: a local woman in labor. South Sudan government soldiers stopped the ambulance 15 times at checkpoints in the capital, Juba. The Aug. 2 journey, which usually takes 15 minutes, lasted nearly two hours.

“The baby was dead on delivery,” says a confidential report from U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to the U.N. Security Council. The report, obtained by The Associated Press, offers a stark list of the ways that South Sudan's government has ob-

structed the U.N. peacekeeping mission in a country devastated by civil war.

In one incident last month, two South Sudanese soldiers stopped a U.N. vehicle and threatened to kill the international staffers inside, the report says. In another, soldiers in the capital beat the driver of a U.N. truck “with an electric cord.”

The report is the first by the U.N. chief since the Security Council gave South Sudan's government an ultimatum in mid-August: Allow the deployment of a 4,000-strong regional pro-

part of Aleppo.

The battle for Aleppo is unlikely to be an easy one for government forces because the isolated rebels say they are determined to “fight until the end” to defend their neighborhoods. Insurgents outside the city could also attack government troops to try to reduce pressure on comrades trapped inside.

If government forces and their allies capture the rebel-held eastern neighborhoods, it would be a turning point in the 5½-year-old civil war that has killed more than 250,000 people and displaced half of Syria's population.

Over the course of the conflict, the government has slowly regained control of major cities. Its aim appears to be securing what some analysts call “useful Syria” - a portion containing the four largest cities of Aleppo, Damascus, Homs and Hama, along with its Mediterranean coast.

tection force and let the existing U.N. mission do its job unimpeded—or face a possible arms embargo.

While South Sudan's government agreed in principle to the regional force during the council's visit to the country early this month, its officials have spoken out against it, saying it violates the country's sovereignty. Hostility against the international community inside South Sudan has grown.

The report from the U.N. chief, dated Sept. 8, calls the situation “unacceptable.”

Colombia's road to peace marred by multiple obstacles

CARTAGENA, Colombia (AP)—The contrast couldn't be more dramatic: As Colombia's president and the head of its largest guerrilla movement were putting their signatures on a historic peace deal, a 6-year-old boy was killed when he chased a soccer ball into a field and stepped on a land mine left behind during the half-century conflict.

Even as this nation celebrates the end of hostilities with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, the harsh reality that fueled the long conflict is settling in. From the

security challenges posed by surging coca crops and dangerous criminal gangs to the difficult task of removing land mines and reintegrating guerrillas blamed for numerous atrocities, the work ahead is daunting.

The first test is getting sufficient political support to implement the lofty accords, signed Monday in this Caribbean resort city despite widespread distrust of the guerrillas. Polls show that a referendum on the deal is expected to pass Sunday. But the margin of victory is still in play and nobody expects the sort of strong turnout that

would put the war-torn country firmly on the path to reconciliation.

Most of Colombia's challenges are in its vast, long-neglected countryside, where the guerrilla group long held sway and criminal activity remains rampant. The challenge is made all the more difficult by stiff opposition to the peace deal from the country's powerful former president, Alvaro Uribe, architect of the U.S.-backed military offensive that forced the rebels to the negotiating table, and a collapse in oil prices that has drained government coffers.

Focus

By ARON HELLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM (AP)—Shimon Peres, a former Israeli president and prime minister, whose life story mirrored that of the Jewish state and who was celebrated around the world as a Nobel prize-winning visionary who pushed his country toward peace, died early Wednesday. He was 93.

His son, Chemi, confirmed his death Wednesday morning to reporters gathered at the hospital where Shimon Peres had been treated for the past two weeks.

Peres' condition worsened following a major stroke two weeks ago that led to bleeding in his brain. He was sedated and on a respirator during most of his hospitalization.

"Today with deep sorrow we bid farewell to our beloved father, the ninth president of Israel," Chemi Peres said.

"Our father's legacy has always been to look to tomorrow. We were privileged to be part of his private family, but today we sense that the entire nation of Israel and the global community share this great loss. We share this pain together."

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu issued a statement mourning the passing of Peres. He said he will convene his Cabinet for a special session later in the day. After that, a special committee was to meet to prepare arrangements for a funeral that many international dignitaries and world leaders are expected to attend.

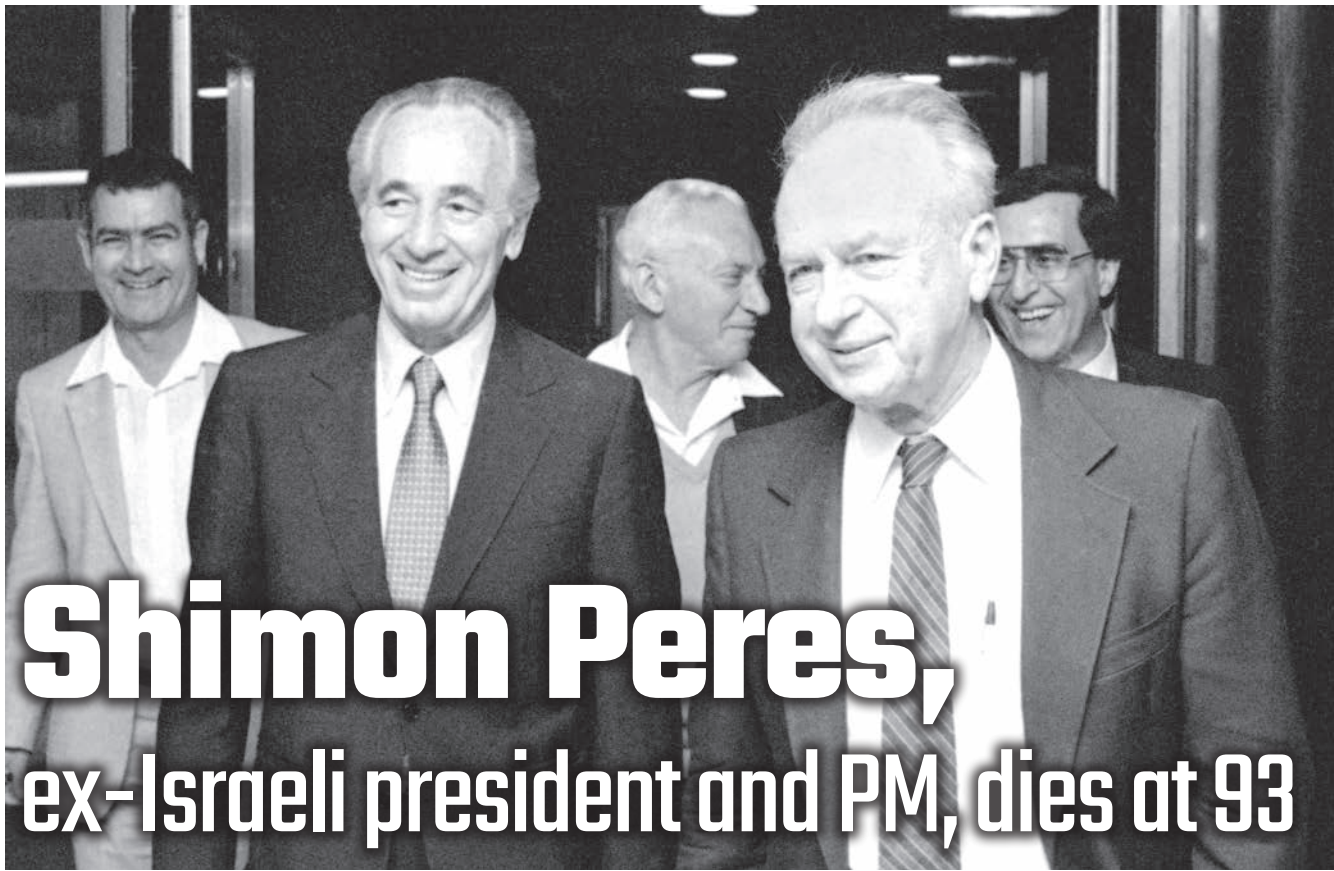
As word of Peres' death spread, reaction started pouring in from Israel and around the globe.

President Barack Obama eulogized him as a man who represented "the essence of Israel itself."

"There are few people who we share this world with who change the course of human history, not just through their role in human events, but because they expand our moral imagination and force us to expect more of ourselves. My friend Shimon was one of those people," he said. "A light has gone out, but the hope he gave us will burn forever."

Shimon Peres son-in-law, Dr. Rafi Walden, said the family was "very moved" by a conversation they had with Obama, who awarded Peres the presidential medal of freedom in 2012. Walden, who was also Peres' personal physician, said he died overnight "without suffering."

Former President Bill Clinton and Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton said they "lost a true and treasured friend" with the death of



Shimon Peres, ex-Israeli president and PM, dies at 93

World leaders mourn Peres, praise him as a man of peace

WASHINGTON (AP)—Current and former world leaders mourned the passing of Shimon Peres early Wednesday, praising him as a patriot, visionary statesman and man of principle who was deeply committed to pursuing peace in a region that has mostly eluded it.

President Barack Obama called Peres "the essence of Israel itself," noting he had fought for Israel's independence, worked its land and served Israel in virtually every government position, including three stints as prime minister.

Peres, who died early Wednesday at the age of 93, was awarded the 1994 Nobel Prize after he secretly brokered the historic Oslo

interim peace accords with the Palestinians a year earlier. He shared the prize with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

"I'll never forget how happy he was 23 years ago when he signed the Oslo Accords on the White House lawn, heralding a more hopeful era in Israeli-Palestinian relations," former President Bill Clinton said in a statement. "He was a genius with a big heart who used his gifts to imagine a future of reconciliation not conflict, economic and social empowerment not anger and frustration."

Peres, who served in the largely ceremonial role of president from 2007 to 2014, represented a moder-

ate face of Israel after the more hawkish Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu took office in 2009. Peres sought to reassure the international community that Israel seeks peace despite stalled negotiations under Netanyahu. He remained active at his peace center, which sponsored programs promoting Israel-Arab coexistence, until weeks before his death.

Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who also worked as a Mideast peace envoy, said Peres' "commitment to peace and his belief that it was in the interests of the country he adored marked him out as a visionary whose vision was never dimmed or displaced."

Peres' had a major stroke two weeks ago that led to

bleeding in his brain. He was sedated and on a respirator during most of his hospitalization, but his condition suddenly worsened.

Netanyahu issued a statement mourning the passing of Peres and said he would convene his Cabinet for a special session later in the day. After that, a special committee was to meet to prepare arrangements for a funeral that many international dignitaries and leaders from around the world are expected to attend.

Former President George H. W. Bush noted Peres' "innate humanity, his decency," while his son, former President George W. Bush, noted that his family "will miss Shimon Peres and his grace, dignity, and optimism."

Shimon Peres.

The Clintons said Israel has lost a leader "who championed its security, prosperity and limitless possibilities from its birth to his last day on earth." They called him "a genius with a big heart who used his gifts to imagine a future of reconciliation, not conflict."

Former Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush also issued statements of mourning.

Peres, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, is the elder statesman of Israeli politics, one of the country's most admired leaders and the last surviving link to its founding fathers.

All of Israel's TV and radio stations devoted their programs to Peres' passing, playing sad music and interviewing friends, commentators and former officials who paid tribute to him.

In an unprecedented seven-decade political career, Peres filled nearly every position in Israeli public life and was credited with leading the country through some of its most defining moments, from creating its nuclear arsenal in the 1950s, to disentangling its troops from Lebanon and rescuing its economy from triple-digit inflation in the 1980s, to guiding a skeptical nation into peace talks with the Palestinians in the 1990s.

A protege of Israel's founding father David Ben-Gurion, he led the Defense Ministry in his 20s and spearheaded the development of Israel's nuclear program. He was first elected to parliament in 1959 and later held every major Cabinet post - including defense, finance and foreign affairs - and served three brief stints as prime minister. His key role

in the first Israeli-Palestinian peace accord earned him a Nobel Peace Prize and revered status as Israel's then most recognizable figure abroad.

And yet, for much of his political career he could not parlay his international prestige into success in Israeli politics, where he was branded by many as both a utopian dreamer and political schemer. His well-tailored, necktie appearance and swept-back gray hair seemed to separate him from his more informal countrymen. He suffered a string of electoral defeats: competing in five general elections seeking the prime minister's spot, he lost four and tied one.

He finally secured the public adoration that had long eluded him when he was chosen by parliament to a seven-year term as Israel's ceremonial president in 2007, taking

the role of elder statesman.

Peres was celebrated by doves and vilified by hawks for advocating far-reaching Israeli compromises for peace even before he negotiated the first interim accord with the Palestinians in 1993 that set into motion a partition plan that gave them limited self-rule. That was followed by a peace accord with neighboring Jordan. But after a fateful six-month period in 1995-96 that included Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, a spate of Palestinian suicide bombings and Peres' own election loss to the more conservative Benjamin Netanyahu, the prospects for peace began to evaporate.

Relegated to the political wilderness, he created his non-governmental Peres Center for Peace that raised funds for cooperation and development

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In this Friday, March 23, 1984, file photo, the Leader of Israel's opposition Labor party Shimon Peres, second from left, with deputy leader of the party former Premier Yitzhak Rabin, right, Labor's Haim Bar-lev, center background, and the Labor's party whip Mashe Shal, right background, smile as they leave the Israeli parliament building in Jerusalem.

projects involving Israel, the Palestinians and Arab nations. He returned to it at age 91 when he completed his term as president.

Shimon Perski was born on Aug. 2, 1923, in Vishneva, then part of Poland. He moved to pre-state Palestine in 1934 with his immediate family. Her grandfather and other relatives stayed behind and perished in the Holocaust. Rising quickly through Labor Party ranks, he became a top aide to Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister and a man Peres once called "the greatest Jew of our time."

At 29, he was the youngest person to serve as director of Israel's Defense Ministry, and is credited with arming Israel's military almost from scratch. Yet throughout his political career, he suffered from the fact that he never wore an army uniform or fought in a war.

Of his 10 books, several amplified his vision of a "new Middle East" where there was peaceful economic and cultural cooperation among all the nations of the region.

Despite continued waves of violence that pushed the Israeli political map to the right, the concept of a Palestinian state next to Israel became mainstream Israeli policy many years after Peres advocated it.

Shunted aside during the 1999 election campaign, won by party colleague Ehud Barak, Peres rejected advice to retire, assuming the newly created and loosely defined Cabinet post of Minister for Regional Cooperation.

In 2000, Peres absorbed another resounding political slap, losing an election in the parliament for the largely ceremonial post of president to Likud Party backbencher Moshe Katsav, who was later convicted and imprisoned for rape.

Even so, Peres refused to quit. In 2001, at age 77, he took the post of foreign minister in the government of national unity set up by Ariel Sharon, serving for 20 months before Labor withdrew from the coalition.

Then he followed Sharon into a new party, Kadima, serving as vice-premier under Sharon and his successor, Ehud Olmert, before assuming the presidency.

Environment

Toxic algae troubles many California lakes and waterways

By DENIS CUFF
EAST BAY TIMES

WALNUT CREEK, Calif.—Katie Stone didn't know about the threat of toxic blue-green algae in Castro Valley's Lake Chabot until after her beloved 5-year-old chocolate lab Josie lapped up some of the reservoir water on a visit there last year.

Josie sickened and died within a few hours.

It was a stark early example of California's growing problems with cyanobacteria, a naturally occurring substance that has blossomed like a slimy weed to infect more than 40 state lakes and waterways stretching from Berkeley, San Jose, Discovery Bay, the Russian River and Redding to Los Angeles. It is the highest count ever and double the 22 reported last year, according to officials.

Many people and water agencies have been caught off guard by the growing extent of the algae, which can cause gastrointestinal upsets, skin rashes and allergic reactions in people, and sickness or death among dogs, livestock, sea otters and other wildlife.

California's five-year drought created ideal conditions for brewing toxic levels of the naturally occurring bacteria, which multiplies rapidly in hot temperatures, low water flows and stagnant water choked with fertilizers and nutrients.

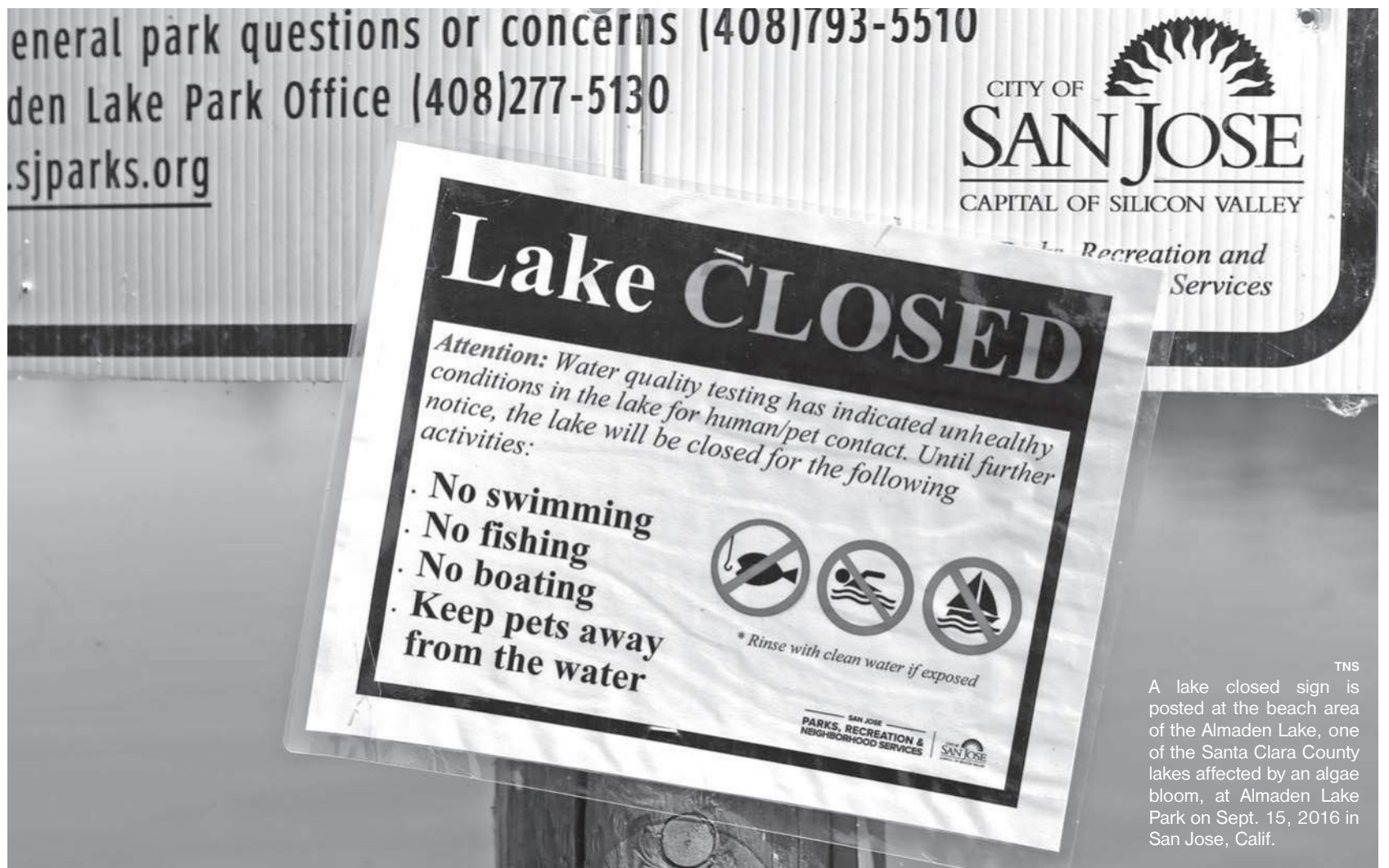
Despite more rainfall this year, the mischievous microbes are causing more trouble than ever because nutrients that built up during the drought were washed off hills. The algae is triggering health warnings and advisories, the closing of swim areas, layoffs of lifeguards and a reduction in park visitors and revenues.

Stone, a Castro Valley resident, said neither she nor the lake operator were prepared on a winter day in 2015 for the toxic algae when she took Josie to Lake Chabot east of Oakland, where neither dogs nor people are supposed to make body contact with the water. Dogs being dogs, however, Josie apparently romped away for a brief slurp. She died that night from kidney failure.

"It was traumatic. We were very upset the regional park district didn't have prominent warning signs," she said. "They are doing a much better job now."

East Bay Regional Park District officials say they have become more rigorous about warning signs.

"The algae caught everyone by surprise, and it was difficult



TNS
A lake closed sign is posted at the beach area of the Almaden Lake, one of the Santa Clara County lakes affected by an algae bloom, at Almaden Lake Park on Sept. 15, 2016 in San Jose, Calif.



TNS
Sunshine Townsend, a water management technician with the East Bay Regional Park District, collects a sample of blue green algae from Lake Anza on Sept. 15, 2016 in Berkeley, Calif.

to get clear guidance and protocols on what to do about it," said Carolyn Jones, a park district spokeswoman. "We went more than 80 years before we had a closure for this toxic substance in the drought."

It's hard to track algae outbreaks over time because reporting of algae blooms has been spotty and inconsistent among the many different lake operators and owners.

However, there are many signs the algae is getting worse in California as well as spreading to other states such as Ohio and Florida, and global

warming only portends more blooms, says Beverley Anderson-Abbs, an environmental scientist with the state Water Resources Control Board.

Among the waterways closed at times are Del Valle Reservoir near Livermore, Pyramid Lake near Los Angeles and Lake Elsinore in Riverside County.

San Jose closed its Cunningham Lake to boating and fishing for the first time earlier this month because of the toxic algae, disappointing kayakers, paddle boaters and a local outrigger canoe club, said Alex

Pearson, a manager in the city parks and recreation department. Almaden Lake also was closed earlier this month, but it has had other algae-related closures off and on since 2010.

Contra Costa County health officials posed warning signs this year in some waters in Discovery Bay, a boater-oriented community. "The effect on recreation has been huge — not being able to boat or swim in areas at the high time of the season," said Contra Costa County Supervisor Mary Piepho, a Discovery Bay resident.

She said the build-up underscores the need for the state to allocate greater fresh water flows through the Sacramento-San Joaquin River to flush out pollutants.

Runoff from algae-contaminated inland lakes also flows out of streams and rivers to harm sea otters that eat shellfish in Monterey Bay, a team of 15 state and university researchers concluded in a 2010 paper. They linked 21 deaths of southern sea otters, an endangered species, to toxic effects of the blue-green algae between 1997 and 2008, the

scientists wrote in the journal PLOS ONE.

State officials stepped up their efforts to alert the public to the risks and water officials of how to manage them. On Aug. 24, they issued a caution to the public to heed local warning signs to avoid contact with contaminated water bodies and to keep pets away. The big message: When in doubt, stay out.

Likewise, state officials urged lake operators to be vigilant in monitoring for the toxic algae, and to use state guidelines on when to put up caution signs and closure signs.

The state last month opened a web site portal — <http://bit.ly/2cJenPt> — for public agencies and the public to get information about cyanobacteria blooms.

Some lake managers are testing herbicides to reduce algae blooms, but the results have been mixed and inconclusive, officials say.

"There is no silver bullet," Anderson-Abbs said. "Generally, the best thing to do is to stay out of the water until the bloom is over."

After losing one dog to algae poisoning, Stone said she keeps her other dog on a leash at all times in parks, and they steer clear of freshwater lakes.

"I don't trust lake water anymore where the water is still and you don't know what is building up," said Stone, an epidemiologist. "We take her to the ocean."

Life & Style

A Miss Universe insulted by Trump steps up for Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP)—Alicia Machado says that when she gained weight after being crowned Miss Universe for 1996, Donald Trump labeled her with a sexist nickname - "Miss Piggy"—that caused her shame and humiliation.

Two decades later, Machado's dealings with Trump, her one-time beauty pageant boss, are reverberating through the 2016 campaign as the Republican businessman and reality TV star seeks the White House.

Democratic rival Hillary Clinton told Machado's story toward the end of Monday's first presidential debate, scolding Trump for referring to the Venezuelan-born actress as "Miss Housekeeping," as Clinton said, "because she was Latina."

"Donald, she has a name," Clinton said, prompting Trump to ask, "Where did you find this?"

Clinton said, "Her name is Alicia Machado and she has become a U.S. citizen, and you can bet she's going to vote this November."

Asked about the exchange during an interview Tuesday with "Fox and Friends," Trump said Machado was "the worst we ever had," adding: "She gained a massive amount of weight. It was a real problem. We had a real problem."

On CNN Tuesday night, Machado said she thinks Trump believes women are "a second class of people."



"I love this country," Machado said. "I don't want to have some misogynist president."

Clinton's embrace of Machado brought comparisons to her campaign's defense of Khizr Khan, whose

son was killed while protecting other U.S. soldiers in Iraq. Khan spoke at the Democratic National Convention, holding

^{AP}
In this May 17, 1996, file photo, the new Miss Universe Alicia Machado of Venezuela reacts as she is crowned by the 1995 winner Chelsi Smith at the Miss Universe competition in Las Vegas.

up a copy of the U.S. Constitution while accusing Trump of smearing the character of Muslims.

Clinton's campaign is trying to mobilize Latinos and women in November's election and has assailed Trump for derogatory comments about women in the past. It quickly released a web video detailing Machado's story, portraying her as a mortified pageant winner whom Trump called "fat" or "ugly" and blindsided by inviting reporters to watch her work out.

Machado went on a diet in 1997 after saying she gained at least 15 pounds. Trump said during Machado's workout in front of the media that year that "she likes to eat - like all of us" and supported her weight-loss efforts.

She was embroiled in controversy of a different sort one year later, after a judge in Venezuela accused her of threatening to kill him after he indicted her then-boyfriend for attempted murder. The boyfriend, Juan Rafael Rodriguez Regetti, was accused of shooting and wounding his sister's hus-

band, whom he blamed for his sister's suicide. The victim's family accused Machado of driving her boyfriend's getaway car, but she denied any involvement and apparently was never indicted, due to lack of evidence.

Now a U.S. citizen, Machado told reporters Tuesday in a conference call arranged by the Clinton campaign that her experience with Trump could "open eyes" in the presidential election. She said she was "really surprised" to hear Clinton refer to her story during the debate - she said she was overcome with emotion and started crying - but wanted to help Clinton in the election.

After the debate, Machado tweeted her thanks to Clinton, writing in Spanish: "Thanks Mrs. Hillary Clinton. Your respect for women and our differences makes you great. I'm with you."

In June, Machado appeared at a news conference in Virginia held by immigrant advocacy groups to encourage Latino voters to support Clinton.

"I want to keep working on my campaigns for women's equality, for respect for women and that our physical appearances do not define us productive or intelligent beings," Machado told reporters in Spanish. "We are more than what we look like physically, that's my point."

Debate reaches 84 million viewers, toppling record

NEW YORK (AP)—The showdown between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump was the most-watched presidential debate ever, with 84 million viewers.

The Nielsen company said the viewership, over 13 different networks, toppled a record that had stood for 36 years. The previous record for presidential debate viewership was the 80.6 million people who saw the only debate in 1980 between incumbent Democrat Jimmy Carter and his Republican challenger Ronald Reagan.

At the time of the Carter-Reagan debate, the U.S. population was 226 million. Now, it is 324 million, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

No debate since then had exceeded 70 million viewers.

Social media was humming, too, with Nielsen saying there were some 17.1 million

Twitter interactions involving 2.7 million people on Monday. Tivo said that the moment during the debate that caused more people to pause their television and play back what was said came near the end, when Trump said that he will "absolutely support" Clinton if she is elected president.

Clinton has some bragging rights at home. When final results are in, the audience for her first presidential debate will more than double what her husband, former President Bill Clinton, received for his last presidential debate in 1996 (36.3 million viewers).

Only the Super Bowl annually commands a television audience of that size. The biggest audience in U.S. television history was the 114.4 million people who watched the 2015 Super Bowl between New England and Seattle.

The news was particularly good for NBC. Not only did it have more viewers than any other network showing the debate, but "Nightly News" anchor Lester Holt's reviews as moderator were more positive than Matt Lauer received for his interviews with the candidates at a national security forum earlier this month, or CNBC anchors when they did a GOP debate last fall.

Watching the debate was nerve-racking for NBC Universal chief executive Steve Burke because of the pressure on Holt. Burke said at an appearance in London on Tuesday that Holt "ended up doing a very good job."

Holt was not available for an interview on Tuesday.

Some Republicans were unhappy with Holt, suggesting that he was unfair because he asked tougher questions of

Trump, and challenged his facts on issues like Trump's support for the war in Iraq and a court case involving the "stop-and-frisk" method of policing.

That may account for an overnight change of thinking by the candidate. Interviewed by reporters immediately after the debate, Trump said that "I thought Lester did a really good job" and that he thought Holt brought up the topics he wanted.

Several hours later, on Fox News Channel's "Fox & Friends," Trump said he thought Holt earned a C or a C-plus for his debate performance, and that he asked unfair questions.

The second of three scheduled debates will be Oct. 9. The "town hall"-style forum will be moderated by CNN's Anderson Cooper and ABC News' Martha Raddatz.

NBC sued over 'Timeless' series days before its premiere

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The NBC show "Timeless" hasn't aired its first episode yet, but it has already prompted a copyright infringement lawsuit by the makers of a Spanish-language series.

ONZA Partners sued NBCUniversal and Sony Pictures Entertainment, claiming "Timeless" is an unauthorized version of its show "El Ministerio del Tiempo" ("The Ministry of Time.")

ONZA contends it was in negotiations with Sony to produce a U.S.-version of its series, which features a three-person team who hops through time trying to stop criminals from changing key historical events.

"Timeless" also features a three-person team, with an emphasis on stopping a criminal intent on altering American history. The show, which the network has been

heavily promoting, is set to premiere on Monday.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified monetary damages but does not seek an injunction to prevent the show from airing.

NBCUniversal and Sony declined comment because of the pending lawsuit.

"El Ministerio del Tiempo" began airing in Spain last year and has been broadcast in Brazil, Mexico and several other countries, according to the lawsuit.

It is not uncommon for shows that become successful in one region to be licensed and adapted for audiences in other countries.

For instance, the Showtime series "Homeland" is an adaptation of an Israeli show; Netflix's "House of Cards" is an adaptation of a BBC miniseries; and "American Idol" is an adaptation of a British show.

Aboriginals urge royals to press Canada for better treatment

KELOWNA, British Columbia (AP)—Aboriginal leaders have urged Prince William and his wife, Kate, to encourage Canadian governments to take their issues seriously.

Chief John Kruger of the Penticton Indian Band spoke directly to the royal couple during an event at the Uni-

versity of British Columbia's Okanagan campus on Tuesday, urging them to advocate for reconciliation.

Kruger was standing in for Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, president of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, who has boycotted royal events.

The royal couple arrived in Canada with their kids on

Saturday. Queen Elizabeth II is the figurative head of state in Canada.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has promised to improve conditions for Canada's indigenous peoples. Chiefs have often complained about a lack of money for tribal education and the poor conditions of reserves.

Blige, Clinton interview clips face ridicule online

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A pair of clips teasing Mary J. Blige's interview with Hillary Clinton on her upcoming Apple Music show "The 411" isn't winning over social media users.

The teaser featuring the R&B singer crooning Bruce Springsteen's "American Skin (41 Shots)" before clapping hands

with Clinton was instantly mocked online after it was released following the presidential debate Tuesday by Apple.

Another clip showcased Blige telling Clinton that "a lot of people in my community think Obama was blocked in congress because he was black."

"How are you going to do what he wasn't able to do?" the

"No More Drama" and "Real Love" singer asks Clinton.

Inae Oh of Mother Jones wrote in in a story titled "Someone Please Explain What the Hell Is Going on With This Mary J. Blige, Hillary Clinton Interview" that the clips "created far more confusion than the excitement Apple likely intended."

Selena Gomez's Instagram account hits 100M followers

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Selena Gomez isn't keeping her Instagram account to herself. The pop star has become the most followed celebrity on the popular photo sharing site.

Gomez's Instagram account became the first to hit the 100-million follower mark this week.

The "Hands to Myself" and "Same Old Love" singer now tops such fellow celebrity Instagramers as Taylor Swift (91.4 million), Beyonce (85.3 million), Ariana Grande (85 million) and Kim Kardashian West (83.6 million).

The last photo she posted was an image of herself on stage six weeks ago.

Gomez said in a statement last month that she's taking a break from the spotlight to deal



AP
In this July 8, 2016 file photo, Selena Gomez performs at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

with anxiety, panic attacks and depression stemming from her battle with lupus.

The singer said in a statement to People magazine that

she wanted "to be proactive and focus on maintaining my health and happiness and have decided that the best way forward is to take some time off."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Father of Muslim boy arrested over clock sues for defamation

DALLAS (AP)—The father of a Muslim boy arrested after taking a homemade clock to his Dallas-area school has sued conservative commentator Glenn Beck and a Texas mayor alleging they falsely portrayed the family as terrorists. Mohamed Mohamed filed the defamation lawsuit Sept. 21 in Dallas on behalf of himself and his 14-year-old son, Ahmed. Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne (D) is among those named in the lawsuit. The lawsuit seeks a retraction, a jury trial and unspecified damages related to comments following the teen's September 2015 arrest at an Irving school. A charge of having a hoax bomb was later dropped. The lawsuit describes the Mohamed family as "peaceful Muslims" falsely accused of being terrorists.

Messages left for comment from Beck and Van Duyne weren't immediately returned Tuesday.

Kevin Kline to return to Broadway this spring in a comedy

NEW YORK (AP)—Kevin Kline is returning to Broadway in a delightfully frantic comedy about a narcissistic actor and the chaos that inevitably erupts in his posh London household. The Oscar and Tony Award winner will star in Noel Coward's "Present Laughter." Opening night is set for April 5 at the St. James Theatre. The play will be directed by Moritz von Stuelpnagel, who recently directed Robert Askins' "Hand to God." Klein's recent Broadway credits include "Cyrano de Bergerac," "Henry IV" and "Ivanov." He won Tony Awards for "The Pirates of Penzance" and "On

the Twentieth Century." His movies include "Sophie's Choice," "The Big Chill," "A Fish Called Wanda," "In & Out" and "Dave."

Tony Awards show sets key dates for '17, but still no home

NEW YORK (AP)—The Tony Awards will be held on June 11 next year, but where the ceremony will be held is still up in the air. The Broadway League on Tuesday set the date for the ceremony and put the official eligibility cut-off date as April 27. Nominations will be announced live on May 2. But the location of the big show is still up in the air. Last year, organizers went back to the Beacon Theatre on Manhattan's Upper West Side. The 6,000-seat Radio City Music Hall has for years been the preferred home for the awards because of its size and proximity to Broadway.

But MSG Entertainment used Radio City for its "The New York Spectacular" and hopes to keep it an annual event. CBS will again televise the event.

China's Wanda Group in talks to buy Dick Clark Productions

NEW YORK (AP)—China's Dalian Wanda Group is in talks to buy Dick Clark Productions, the TV company that produces the Golden Globes and the "Miss America" pageant. The deal could be worth \$1 billion, according to The Wall Street Journal, citing unnamed sources with knowledge of the situation. Wanda did not return a request for comment. Eldridge Group, which owns Dick Clark Productions, said in a statement that the TV company agreed to enter into exclusive talks with Wanda. If the deal gets finalized, it would be

the latest U.S. entertainment deal for the Chinese company which owns property, cinema and sports holdings. In September it said it would partner with Sony Pictures to make big-budget movies. It owns AMC Theaters and bought Legendary Entertainment for \$3.5 billion in January. Dick Clark Productions was sold in 2012 to a group including investment firm Guggenheim Partners. Last year Guggenheim sold Dick Clark Productions to Eldridge Industries, which is controlled by Todd Boehly, a former president of Guggenheim and current member of Guggenheim's executive council. Guggenheim said last month it was conducting a strategic review of its media holdings.

Street named after late country music star Marty Robbins

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP)—

City officials in Glendale have named a street after late country music star Marty Robbins, who was born in the Phoenix suburb in 1925. Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers (D) helped unveil the new honorary sign near 58th Avenue on Monday, which would have been Robbins' 91st birthday. The one-mile stretch of Glendale Avenue is now known as Marty Robbins Boulevard. Robbins, a singer-songwriter, is known for such hits as "El Paso," "My Woman, My Woman, My Wife," "Don't Worry" and "Honkytonk Man." Born Martin David Robinson, Robbins recorded more than 500 songs and 60 albums and won two Grammy Awards. He died in December 1982 at age 57 in Nashville, Tennessee after suffering a heart attack. Two months earlier, Robbins had been inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Husband needs help moving beyond past sexual abuse

DEAR ABBY: My husband recently disclosed to me that he was sexually abused by his cousin, who was the same age, when he was in high school. She blackmailed him by threatening to tell everyone he had raped her. She used this power over him to coax sexual favors but never intercourse.

After a year of looking for help, he confided in his mother, but she ended up getting drunk and telling the whole family about the situation. Luckily, he was able to convince most of them it was "just the alcohol talking." At that point, his cousin finally found a boyfriend and stopped blackmailing him.

This all happened five years ago. He hasn't lived in the same state as his mom or the abuser in three years. I can tell that by confiding in me he feels much better, but I'm worried that he blames himself for his mother's alcoholism and his ruined relationships with his close friends in high school. I'm also not sure whether or not we can bring his abuser to justice.

CONCERNED SPOUSE

DEAR CONCERNED SPOUSE: Encourage you husband to talk to a licensed psychotherapist about what was done to him. Victims sometimes blame themselves. I seriously doubt that his mother's alcohol abuse had anything to do with him. That she betrayed his confidence instead of helping him was terrible. A therapist can explain all this to him, and help him

to see things clearly so he can decide how to proceed.

DEAR ABBY: I'm planning on getting married this year, but I have cold feet. One day I want to be married; the next day I don't. My fiancée is my best friend, and we have been dating for more than four years. Is there any way to get over wedding jitters and live life to the fullest?

COLD FEET IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR COLD FEET: An intelligent way to work through your jitters would be to talk them through. Consider premarital counseling with your fiancée. A number of subjects will be raised during the sessions, including both of your feelings regarding handling money, having children (and raising them), and even the fact that such a big step gives you butterflies. Please let me know if this helps. I wish you and your fiancée a long and happy union.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 15-year-old bisexual girl, and I have a big problem with relationships. They make me feel awkward. I don't like holding hands and the mushy-gushy stuff hurts my soul. I'm asking for help to come out to my parents and also what I should do about not liking relationships. Am I the only one like this? I told my friend once, and she was really confused.

AWKWARD TEEN IN TEXAS

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR AWKWARD: I do not think you should come out to your family until you are sure of exactly who you are. From the tone of your letter, you appear to be still trying to figure that out—which is completely normal for someone your age.

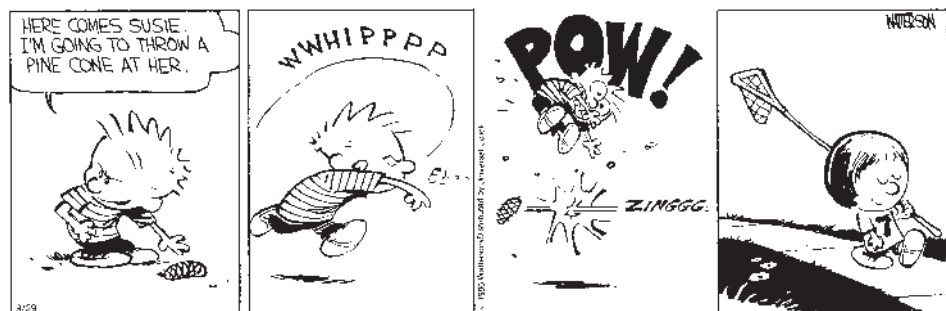
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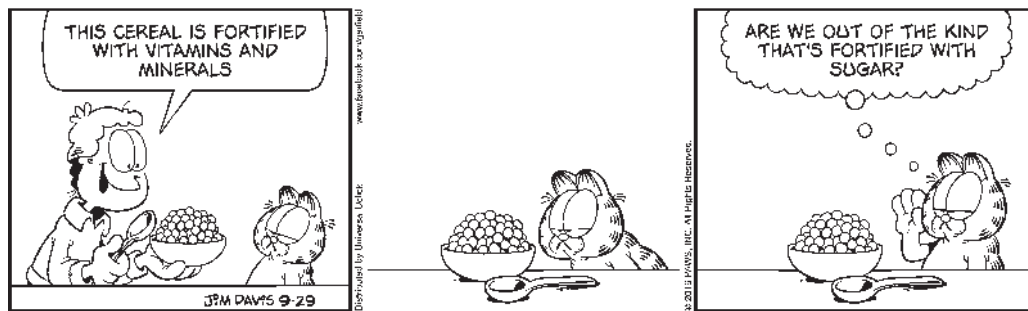
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By Glenn McCoy



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Yesterday's answer 9-29

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kevin Durant, 28; Roger Bart, 54; Bryant Gumbel, 68; Jerry Lee Lewis, 81.

Happy Birthday: Plan out your every move. Taking on too much or jumping into something without fully understanding the consequences will set you back. Going over every detail of each big situation you face this year will be necessary. A secretive approach will protect you from someone who is looking for a way to outsmart you. Don't let a romantic relationship interfere with your efficiency. Your numbers are 4, 9, 21, 29, 33, 38, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put your heart into what's important to you, and you will reach the goals you set. Offering assistance to someone in a tight spot will create breathing room when you need a favor in return. Anger will slow you down. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Share your thoughts and plans for the future. Someone you admire will want to take part in whatever you do. Work hard at accomplishing the personal goals that will improve your life. Favors will be granted. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Spending on home improvements will add to your stress. Find a way to bring about positive changes without breaking your budget. Picking up a new skill or cutting your costs will improve your situation. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Let your creative imagination wander and you will come up with a hobby that eases your stress. Too much interference will put you

in a difficult position. Allow everyone to do his or her own thing while you focus on yours. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A job prospect will grab your interest. Update your resume or send out signals to let everyone know you are interested in pursuing something new. A change will do you good and help build back your confidence at the same time. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do something that will get your adrenaline flowing. The more active you are, the more impressed everyone will be with you. Your determination and dedication will help turn an important relationship into something even more special. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't share your feelings or secrets. Someone will use dishonest tactics to dismantle your plans. A change in a partnership will leave you questioning whether it is worthwhile to continue. Don't get angry; make changes. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Mix business with helping others and you will get the recognition you deserve. Your ability to know how much to do and when to stop will help you get past someone who is trying to get something for nothing. Romance looks promising. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be careful what you believe. Someone will mess with your feelings, causing confusion and indecisiveness. Helping someone out is fine, but not at the expense of your own happiness. Get the facts and don't be afraid to say "no." **

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make a change that will enhance your looks or give you the professional edge you require to reach your goal. A romantic gesture will spark the imagination of someone special. Invest in your skills and your standard of living. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Revisit relationship agreements and consider the best way to improve your situation. An incentive might help, but putting too much pressure on people will not. Ask questions and find out how others are feeling. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Express the way you feel and make a point to look over factors that can influence how or where you live. Preparing now will help you bring about interesting work-related changes that will raise your standard of living. ***

Birthday Baby: You are smart, persistent and hardworking. You are charismatic and original.

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By Dave Green

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level: ★★★

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

SPAWNING BEDS

Solution: 7 letters

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Final US pick Moore ready for Ryder Cup debut

CHASKA, Minn. (AP)—Ryan Moore had just placed second in the Tour Championship, capping a strong week-end in Atlanta with a narrow playoff loss to Rory McIlroy, when he began to load up his gear in the parking lot about 45 minutes later, a flight home to Las Vegas with his family fast approaching.

Moore figured Ryder Cup team captain Davis Love III would try to reach him, but he wasn't exactly expecting to hear he'd been added as the final pick for the prestigious 12-man squad. There were other candidates on the short list, of course, including Bubba Watson with his No. 7 world ranking and two green jackets.

"I've wanted to be a part of one of these events, was beginning to think it might not happen," Moore said.

The 33-year-old has finished the season strong. He has a solid resume in match play, too, but none of his five career victories include a major tournament. He's not one of the heavy hitters off the tee. He wasn't even asked in advance for his measurements in case he was chosen for the squad and needed the requisite clothing.

"I've been fitted for every team event, I think, for about the last 10 years," Moore said. "Every single one until this year, I had done the fitting."

Sure enough, the call from Love went unanswered and on to voicemail.

"I was like, 'Whoops,'" Moore said. "I meant to be paying closer attention."

He quickly called back and immediately sensed the upbeat tone in Love's voice. After his conversation with the captain, Moore proceeded as planned and dropped his family off in Nevada before heading



AP
Ryan Moore hits from the 16th tee during the final round of play at the Tour Championship golf tournament at East Lake Golf Club, Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016, in Atlanta.

for Minnesota the following morning to join the U.S. team.

"He and I had a couple emotional, frank conversations over the last few weeks, you know, as I had with several other players," Love said. "So it was exciting to get to give him that news, because I know he's been on the bad end of that a few times."

Moore, who is 31st in the world rankings, declined an invitation from Love to play the course at Hazeltine Na-

tional Golf Club southwest of Minneapolis last week.

His reasoning was that rest and focus for the Tour Championship was the way for him to make the team, rather than impressing Love with a practice round.

Sure enough, Moore's final-day score of 64 at East Lake Golf Club put him in a sudden-death situation with McIlroy,

taking him to a fourth playoff hole before faltering. The

tense finish kept Love and his advisers glued to the television and forced them to hold off on the decision until Sunday night.

Losers of three straight Ryder Cups and eight of the last 10 biennial events to the Europeans, the Americans this time wanted to avoid missing out on a streaking player, and Moore is



precisely that. He finished seventh in the FedEx Cup standings.

"He's going to be very tough," teammate Jordan Spieth said. "He's in every hole."

Moore isn't one of the in-crowd guys on the PGA circuit. Asked Tuesday after his practice round at Hazeltine which of his teammates he's closest to, Moore had a hard time answering.

"I'm not really sure how to put it. I'm anti-social maybe.

Is that a nice way of putting it, or a bad way? I don't even know," Moore said, laughing. "I don't play golf to be best buddies and hang out and all that kind of stuff. Now, I do enjoy playing golf with people, and I'm not a jerk or anything, I don't think."

Camaraderie is important, but success boils down to how the balls are flying, bouncing and rolling on the course. Moore's approach game and putting prowess ought to be assets to the U.S. team, even though as one of two Ryder Cup rookies on the squad, he hasn't played with a partner since 2004 at the Palmer Cup, the amateur version of the Ryder Cup.

That year, before he became a senior at UNLV, Moore won the U.S. Amateur, U.S. Amateur Public Links and the NCAA championship.

"I'm comfortable with the formats and understand how that works," Moore said, "but still until you've experienced it, there's nothing quite like it."

A look at the U.S. and Europe squads the 41st Ryder Cup on Sept. 30-Oct. 2 at Hazeltine National in Chaska, Minnesota. Players are listed in the order they made the team:

US TEAM: Dustin Johnson; Jordan Spieth; Phil Mickelson; Patrick Reed; Jimmy Walker; Brooks Koepka; Brandt Snedeker; Zach Jonson; Rickie Fowler; J.B. Holmes; Matt Kuchar; and Ryan Moore

EUROPE TEAM: Rory McIlroy; Danny Willett; Henrik Stenson; Chris Wood; Sergio Garcia; Rafa Cabrera Bello; Justin Rose; Andy Sullivan; Matt Fitzpatrick; Lee Westwood; Martin Kaymer; and Thomas Pieters



HOUSTON (AP)—J.J. Watt has re-injured his back, according to a person familiar with his condition, and the Houston Texans expect the star defensive end to be sidelined until at least December, and possibly the entire season.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on Tuesday night on condition of anonymity because the team hasn't confirmed the injury.

Watt missed training camp and Houston's four preseason games after surgery in July to repair a herniated disk in his back. He started each of the team's three regular-season games and got hurt again Thursday against the Patriots.

It's unclear if the injury will require surgery, but the person familiar with his condition told the AP he could be placed

Houston's Watt re-injures back, could miss entire season

on injured reserve as early as Wednesday.

Watt, who has won Defensive Player of the Year for the past two seasons, didn't practice on Monday, but coach Bill O'Brien said he was just getting a day off.

It's a major blow for Houston, which selected Watt with the 11th overall pick in the 2011 draft. Watt has played 83 consecutive games for the Texans despite various injuries, including torn core muscles and a broken hand last season.

This was a tough offseason for Watt, who had surgery in January to repair five torn core muscles before going under the knife again in July to repair his back. There was a time after his surgery in January where he wondered about

his future in the NFL.

"After the first surgery there were some days there where I really questioned whether or not I'd ever be able to play again," he said earlier this month. "Just some of the stuff we were dealing with from a rehab standpoint, just the way that the recovery was going early on ... there was a very low point there and it was tough."

Watt, who led the NFL with 17 1/2 sacks last season, has 1 1/2 sacks this season to give him 76 for his career.

The 27-year-old is a three-time Defensive Player of the Year and a four-time Pro Bowler. He's been a force since entering the league not only because of his pass-rushing prowess, but also because of his uncanny ability to swat

down passes. He has 45 passes defended in his six-year career. He has forced 15 fumbles and recovered 13.

In San Francisco, the 49ers cornerback Jimmie Ward is week-to-week with a quad strain, the team announced Tuesday. He left Sunday's loss to the Seahawks with the non-contact injury after covering a kickoff in the second quarter.

That likely leaves coordinator Jim O'Neil to find a replacement for one of the most valuable members of his secondary in time for a visit from Dez Bryant and the Dallas Cowboys' eighth-ranked offense Sunday.

Ward, the team's first-round draft pick in 2014, was off to a promising start to his third season after transitioning to cor-

nerback full-time. He played slot cornerback and safety during his first two years.

Third-year player Keith Reaser and rookie Rashard Robinson are competing to replace Ward should he miss Sunday's game, O'Neil said. The decision will come down to which player performs better in practice.

"It keeps you on your toes," Reaser said. "You know every practice counts, every play matters, almost as if it's training camp or a game."

O'Neil said, "Neither one of those guys has won the job outright. So if they want it to be week-to-week every week, that's on them. If somebody wants to establish themselves ... then go do that. I'm all for it."

Reaser was drafted in the

fifth round in 2014 out of Florida Atlantic. He spent his rookie season sidelined while recovering from an anterior cruciate ligament tear in his knee. He made his pro debut last season before getting the third-most snaps among 49ers cornerbacks in 2016.

Missing his rookie year helped Reaser prepare mentally for his chance at playing time.

"Everybody has a different path in this business," Reaser said. "You just try to learn as much as you can and go from there."

Robinson, a fourth-round draft pick from Louisiana State, joined the NFL facing questions about a checkered college career and an arrest in connection with a robbery, which was later expunged from his record. He elected to enter the NFL draft instead of transferring to a new school after being kicked off LSU's team.

Yankees win, foil Red Sox's early celebration



NEW YORK
(AP)—Gary Sanchez

is hitting home runs at a record pace for a rookie.

The catcher connected for a two-run homer off David Price in the first inning, and the New York Yankees beat the Red Sox 6-4 Tuesday night to end Boston's 11-game winning streak and delay its AL East title celebration.

Brought up from the minors on Aug. 3, Sanchez matched Wally Berger of the 1930 Boston Braves as the fastest major leaguer to 20 home runs, accomplishing the feat in 51 games.

"Everybody on the team calls home run when he steps up there," said Tyler Austin, who broke a 4-all tie in the seventh with a two-run homer off Price.

Having replaced Brian McCann as the Yankees' primary backstop, the 23-year-old Sanchez is batting .316 with 42 RBI. He never hit more than 18 home runs in a minor league season.

"I'm a little surprised, but I work very hard," Sanchez said through a translator.

Despite playing about one-third of the season, he could get some serious consideration for AL Rookie of the Year. Detroit pitcher Michael Fulmer is the favorite with an 11-7 record and 2.95 ERA that could lead the AL. But Fulmer has gone 2-5 since the All-Star break.

"Gary has meant as much to his team as any rookie in the big leagues this year," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said.

Blue Jays 5, Orioles 1

In Toronto, Josh Donaldson hit a two-run homer, Aaron Sanchez struck out 10 and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Baltimore Orioles in the opener of their AL wild-card showdown.

Ezequiel Carrera also homered as the Blue Jays won for the sixth time in eight games. They lead the wild-card standings by two games over the Orioles with five to play.

Baltimore leads Detroit by one game for the league's final playoff spot.

Mets 12, Marlins 1

In Miami, Noah Syndergaard struck out eight and allowed one run in six innings, and New York totaled 19 hits to beat grieving Miami.

Jay Bruce and Yoenis Cespedes each hit his 31st homer for the Mets, who maintained a half-game lead on the Giants for the first NL wild card, with St. Louis 1 1/2 games behind New York.

Giants 12, Rockies 3

In San Francisco, Buster Posey homered for his 1,000th



AP
New York Yankees' Jacoby Ellsbury, left, celebrates with Gary Sanchez, right, after scoring on Sanchez's first-inning, two-run home run in a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox in New York, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016.

hit, Hunter Pence also went deep one batter later and San Francisco beat Colorado.

Brandon Crawford tripled twice for San Francisco, which remained a half-game behind the Mets for the top NL wild card and one game up on the Cardinals for the second spot.

Matt Moore (12-12) matched his career high with 11 strikeouts over 7 2/3 innings.

Astros 8, Mariners 4

In Houston, George Springer had three hits, including a two-run double during a six-run sixth inning, and Houston beat Seattle.

The victory leaves Seattle two games behind Baltimore for the second AL wild card and cuts Houston's deficit in the race to 2 1/2 games.

The Astros got five hits off Felix Hernandez (11-7) in the sixth, but only two of the six runs scored in the inning were earned because of two errors.

Tigers 12, Indians 0

In Detroit, Miguel Cabrera homered and drove in five runs in the first two innings, and Justin Verlander struck out 12 to lift Detroit over a Cleveland lineup full of backups.

The Indians clinched the AL Central title Monday night in Detroit, and their starting lineup Tuesday was without Jason Kipnis, Francisco Lindor, Mike Napoli and Jose Ramirez. Detroit took full advantage, beating Cleveland for only the third time all year.

Cubs 6, Pirates 4

In Pittsburgh, Chris Coghlan hit a three-run triple and John Lackey worked in and out of trouble over five innings, helping Chicago beat reeling Pittsburgh.

Coghlan's second-inning drive off the wall in right-center against Ryan Vogelsong (3-7) gave the NL Central champions all the offense they would need to win for the seventh time in their last eight games. Chicago improved to 101-56, the club's highest victory total since it won 104 games in 1910.

Nationals 4, Diamondbacks 2

In Washington, Max Scherzer struck out 10 and allowed two runs in six innings and Anthony Rendon hit a go-ahead three-run homer as Washington beat Arizona to inch closer to home-field advantage in the NL Division Series.

Scherzer (19-7) was not at his Cy Young Award candidate best, uncharacteristically missing spots and allowing six

hits, including a leadoff home run by Jean Segura.

Cardinals 12, Reds 5

In St. Louis, playing with a heavy heart, Aledmys Diaz hit his first career grand slam and St. Louis finished with five home runs.

St. Louis is a game behind the Giants for the second NL wild card.

Jhonny Peralta had a three-run homer and drove in four runs for the Cardinals, who had lost four of five. Matt Carpenter, Randal Grichuk and Matt Adams also homered.

Rangers 6, Brewers 4

In Arlington, Jonathan Lucroy hit a go-ahead two-run double against his former team in the sixth inning to help Texas beat Milwaukee.

The Rangers have a half-

game lead over Boston for the best record in the American League.

Lucroy's hit made a winner of reliever Tony Barnette (7-3).

Padres 7, Dodgers 1

In San Diego, rookie Hunter Renfroe hit his first career grand slam and also had a three-run shot to drive in all the runs in San Diego's victory over the NL West champs.

Renfroe hit a high, arcing three-run homer to left field off Kenta Maeda (16-10) with two outs in the first inning. His grand slam to straightaway center came on a full-count pitch from Louis Coleman with two outs in the eighth.

Royals 4, Twins 3

In Kansas City, Billy Burns' sacrifice fly scored Raul

Mondesi in the 11th inning as Kansas City beat Minnesota, staving off postseason elimination.

The defending World Series champions are five games behind Baltimore for the second AL wild card with five to play.

White Sox 13, Rays 6

In Chicago, Melky Cabrera and Leury Garcia homered to back Chris Sale, and Chicago routed sloppy Tampa Bay.

Sale (17-9) allowed three runs and eight hits with seven strikeouts over seven innings.

Rays starter Alex Cobb (1-2) lasted three innings, allowing eight runs and eight hits in the Rays' fifth straight loss.

Braves 7, Phillies 6

In Atlanta, Freddie Freeman hit his career-high 33rd homer and stretched his career-best hitting streak to 29 games, helping Atlanta begin its final homestand at Turner Field with a victory.

David Hernandez (3-4) ended a scoreless streak of 10 2/3 innings and took the loss.

Angels 8, Athletics 1

In Anaheim, rookie Jeffry Marte hit his first career grand slam in a seven-run fourth inning and Los Angeles beat Oakland.

Right-hander Ricky Nolasco (8-14) held the A's to one unearned run in eight innings. Right-hander Daniel Mengden (2-9) was charged with eight runs in three-plus innings.

New-look Warriors have smooth first day with Durant



OAKLAND, Calif.
(AP)—Anxious and eager to get started with his new team, Kevin Durant woke up extra early in the 7 o'clock hour and then hit freeway traffic on the way to his first formal work day with the Warriors.

"I wasn't used to that in Oklahoma City," he said with a chuckle following his initial practice with Golden State.

Welcome to the Bay Area, KD.

He's loving it so far. So is two-time reigning MVP Stephen Curry, asked several different ways after Day 1 how defenses might possibly defend a lineup led by him, Durant, Draymond Green, Klay

Thompson and new center Zaza Pachulia. Not to mention all the playmakers coming off the bench for the NBA runner-ups last season to LeBron James and Cleveland.

Everybody expects more from the Warriors now—even after a record-setting season that ended with 73 wins but without another championship banner.

As Curry and Co. are so used to by now, every team will bring its best to face star-studded Golden State led by its baby-faced point guard who shattered his own record with 402 3-pointers last season and is looking for even more from himself.

"We've just got to be ready for pretty much anything,"

Curry said. "It's going to be a feeling-out process throughout the whole season. Last year, teams started playing us a little differently all the way up until like March. We have to adjust. ... I have the same mentality. I don't really think about any other expectations. I want to get better. I want to be better than I was last year, and that's going to be the same regardless if KD was here or not."

The Warriors held a team dinner Monday night that was as much get-to-know-you as it was outlining the season ahead. Durant said they haven't even discussed who's going to get more shots or minutes, it's all about getting to know each other.

When things immediately

came together on the court, coach Steve Kerr was pleasantly surprised given both he and general manager Bob Myers expected some basketballs to fly every which way as all the superstars found their timing together.

Durant fit in "great" on the first day, Kerr said.

"It went well, better than I thought," said Kerr, the reigning NBA Coach of the Year. "We had a team dinner last night and I looked around and we had, I want to say, 12 or 13 new faces including the camp invites. It's a reminder that this is a much different team, much different season. Practice was really smooth, especially considering all the new faces."

England coach Allardyce forced out in disgrace after 1 game

MANCHESTER, England (AP)—Even by English soccer's standards, the latest embarrassment is a new low. Sam Allardyce was forced out in disgrace after one game in charge of the national team.

Having taken 25 years to reach the pinnacle of English soccer management, Allardyce was toppled after only 67 days by his hubris and indiscretions involving undercover journalists posing as businessmen.

The English Football Association decided Tuesday, within 24 hours of a Daily Telegraph sting being published, that the 61-year-old Allardyce lacked the integrity to hold one of the most prestigious jobs in the game.

Allardyce had a 100 percent record—winning his only game against Slovakia earlier this month—but will go down as the England manager with the shortest tenure.

Even before taking charge of his first game, Allardyce



was inadvertently preparing the ground for his downfall with his loose talk in a London hotel in August to the investigative reporters.

A covert video showed Allardyce appearing to offer advice to fictitious businessmen on how to sidestep

an outlawed player transfer practice and also to negotiate a 400,000-pound (\$519,000) public-speaking contract to top up an annual England salary of 3 million pounds (\$4 million).

A further video showed Allardyce mocking predecessor

Roy Hodgson, who was fired after England's humiliating loss to tiny Iceland at the European Championship in June, questioning the FA's financial strategy and talking dismissively about the organization's president, Prince William.

The FA acted swiftly to pub-

AP
In this Saturday, Aug. 16, 2014 file photo, West Ham United's manager Sam Allardyce holds his head as his player missed a chance to score against Tottenham Hotspur during their English Premier League soccer match at Upton Park, London. Allardyce has left his position after one match in charge of England national team, it was reported on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016.

lication of the story, holding emergency talks with Allardyce in London before announcing the termination of his two-year contract on Tuesday evening.

"In light of the media allegations that we've seen," FA chief executive Martin Glenn said, "we've concluded—and Sam's agreed—that his behavior has been inappropriate and frankly not what is expected of an

England manager."

And, as "guardians of the game," Glenn insisted that the same rules and high standards of conduct had to apply to everyone in English soccer.

"That consistency, that trust that people have in us to behave in the appropriate manner, is core to what any football association is about," Glenn said. "It's a painful decision because we thought he was a great manager, but it's the right decision if we are to protect the integrity of The FA."

One of Allardyce's last official duties as England manager was participating in the Football Writers' Association golf day on Monday. It appears Allardyce was playing golf with journalists when the Telegraph first put questions to the manager and his representatives about the investigation.



Tokyo to propose moving more venues for Olympics

TOKYO (AP)—Tokyo's original plans for a compact Olympics in 2020 continue to fall by the wayside.

A Tokyo government panel is set to propose moving more venues outside of the city—including hundreds of kilometers (miles) away—in order to save money, the latest in a series of changes since the Japanese capital was awarded the games three years ago.

Among the venues being reviewed are those for volleyball, swimming, rowing and canoe sprint, Kyodo news agency reported Wednesday.

Public broadcaster NHK said the panel would propose moving rowing and canoeing to Tome City, about 440 kilometers (270 miles) northeast of Tokyo in the prefecture of Miyagi. Tome was one of several cities severely affected by the

2011 earthquake and tsunami. The city is approximately 70 kilometers (45 miles) north of Sendai, which is a three-hour train ride from Tokyo.

Details of the proposed changes are expected to be made public Thursday at a meeting of a taskforce for metropolitan government reform.

The changes would require approval of the International Olympic Committee and the individual international sports federations.

The government panel was set up earlier this month by Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike, who is determined to reduce the soaring costs.

Tokyo won the right to host the games in 2013 by promising a compact bid with 28 of the 31 competition venues within an eight-kilometer

(5-mile) radius of the Olympic Village. Originally, only shooting, modern pentathlon and one football venue were to be outside the eight-kilometer radius.

Already, venues for basketball, taekwondo and cycling have been moved outside of Tokyo to maximize existing facilities. Cycling was moved to Izu, some 145 kilometers (90 miles) southwest of the capital.

Tokyo organizing committee president Yoshiro Mori acknowledged in July that the cost of building seven temporary venues for the Olympics had surged to an estimated \$2.6 billion, up from an initial estimate of \$690 million.

Mori said the original figures were the result of sloppy calculations which he blamed

on the Tokyo metropolitan government and the Japanese Olympic Committee.

The organizing committee hasn't disclosed an official estimate of the overall costs but has acknowledged it will be considerably higher than the \$3.5 billion that was forecast in the bid.

Preparations for the games have been plagued by a series of scandals involving the new national stadium, the official logo and allegations of bribery in the bidding process.

Work on the new national stadium has fallen behind schedule because the government abandoned an original design amid spiraling costs. The total costs for staging the Olympics are shared by the organizing committee, the Tokyo municipal government and the national government.



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goals with his first recorded in the third minute and the second in the 12th. Anastacio lit up the board anew for Kanoa two minutes later for the team's 4-0 advantage.

After giving up four straight goals to Kanoa, MP United 2 finally managed to counter, thanks to James Kil's conversion in the 15th minute. However, Kanoa got the one goal back when Sablan found his target just a minute left in the first half to lift the division leader to a 5-1 advantage at the break.

Kanoa went on to stretch its lead in the second half with Merrick logging his first goal in the 41st, Joyce earning her second a minute later, and the for-

mer's younger brother Markus scoring in the 48th. Markus goal came two minutes before MP United registered only its second goal—courtesy of Roy Allen Matagolai. Merrick then added one more goal for Kanoa in the 54th minute before Joyce closed out for the team to complete the rout one minute before the match wrapped up.

MP United 1 11, TanHoldings 4

In the other game in the division, MP United recovered quickly from its season-debut loss after whipping TanHoldings.

Rintaro Miyawaki, who failed to score in MP United 1's 0-4 loss to Kanoa in Week 1, redeemed himself in Week 3, firing four goals in their first win this season. Andrew

Chung and Rohan Basnet also made multiple goals for MP United 1 as they each had a hat trick, while Jerick Ven Quimzon contributed one.

As for TanHoldings, which dropped to a 0-1-2 record, Kohtarō Goto tallied three goals, while Oliver Fajardo chipped in one.

Miyawaki started things off for MP United with his goal in the third minute, while Basnet got two straight, posting his first in the seventh and the second in the 18th minute. Fajardo's goal was also registered under the 18-minute mark and TanHoldings remained in the game, as Goto knocked in his first earlier in the 10th.

A Miyawaki goal in the 24th minute gave MP United 1 more cushion and Chung made it a 5-2 advantage at the

break when he scored in the last minute of the first half.

Miyawaki, Quimzon, Chung, and Basnet then hit the board for MP United 1 in the first 20 minutes of play to help their team pull away. Goto ended TanHoldings' silence in the second half with his second goal in the 54th minute, but that was not enough to spark the team's big comeback, as MP United got two more goals (Chung and Miyawaki's shots in the 56th and 57th minute) against Goto's third (60th).

Meanwhile, MP United 1 will go for its second straight victory when it takes on sister team MP United 2 this Saturday at 12:30pm at Hopwood's Pitch A. Over at Pitch B, Kanoa will try to keep its clean slate against Paire (1-1-0).

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record to 3-5, while Agape fell to a 2-4 mark.

In other results, defending champion Saipan International School 1 and Grace Christians Academy 1 prevailed against the respective opponents.

SIS 1 dueled GCA 2 at the Geckos court in As Lito last Tuesday and won all three sets, 25-17, 25-18, 15-8. GCA 1, on the other hand, hosted SIS 2 and the Eagles also registered a sweep, 25-5, 25-10, 15-9. GCA 1 now has a 6-0 mark, while SIS 1 holds a 4-1 record, pending results of their separate games yesterday.

SIS 1 was scheduled to face Whispering Palms at the latter's court in Navy Hill yesterday, while GCA 1 was slated to meet MCS 1 at the Knights

turf. Two other matches were played yesterday with MCS 2 battling SIS 1 at the Geckos court and Seventh Day Adventist hosting Marianas Baptist Academy.

Today, five matches will take place. At the MBA court in Dandan, the host will challenge Agape, while Whispering Palms will pay SCS a visit in Susupe. The three other games scheduled today are SIS 1 vs MCS 2 at SIS; SIS 1 vs MCS 1 at Mt. Carmel; and sister teams GCA 1 vs GCA 2 in their Navy Hill court.

One more playing week (Tuesday/Oct. 4) and a couple of make-up games are left in the first round of the competition. The middle school contest will be played in a two round-robin format to determine the rankings in the playoffs, which will run from Nov. 10 to 18.

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will be played today, the 14-year-old Lee is paired against the unranked Amelia Lawson of New Zealand. The Kiwi bet moved into Round 3 following her 6-4, 6-0 triumph over Australia's Gabriella Iannou and 6-2, 2-0 (retired) victory versus compatriot Ivy McLean.

A win over Lawson will bring Lee to the quarterfinal round where she may face the victor in the New Zealand-Australia duel between the No. 5 seed Oleksandra Kalachova and Helena Spiridis.

Meanwhile, the CNMI junior player is also entered in doubles event of the Grade 5 tournament. She is joining forces Rengil and the two Pacific Oceania bets are seeded third in the division. They got a bye in yesterday's first

round and will play their first game today against the pair of New Zealand's Amily Suga and Australia's Angelina Esabella Teakaraaanga. The Kiwi-Australian duo barged into the second round after downing New Zealand's Jordan Berry and Going, 6-4, 7-6 (5).

Lee is hoping to get as many wins in both the singles and doubles events in the New Zealand tournament to improve her Junior ITF world rankings. She is ranked No. 443 going into last Tuesday's opening round.

If she prevails in today's third round, she is already assured of five ranking points in the singles. In the doubles, Lee also needs to make it to the Round of 8 to claim 5 more markers. The singles champion in the indoor competition will take home 30 ranking points, while the doubles winner will get 20.

10th PIC Point Break Invitational Competition

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A Korean rider heads down during the bodyboard event in the 10th Annual Point Break Invitational Competition held over the weekend at the PIC Saipan's flowride facility.



Splashes of water greet PIC's Karry Pothier as she takes her turn on the bodyboard competition.



PIC's Lalaine Santomin negotiates one of the artificial waves from the flowride facility.



A Korean rider holds on to her bodyboard as she glides down the flowride facility.



A Korean rider kneels down her bodyboard.



PIC's Heather Leanne is all smiles as she rides her bodyboard and performs tricks.



Participants in the women's open bodyboard let go of a loud cheer before starting their routines.



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Lee advances in NZ tourney



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Carol Lee is in New Zealand, competing in the Auckland ITF Indoor Championships 2016 at the Scarbro Tennis Centre in Auckland.

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CNMI junior tennis player Carol Lee eased through the third round of the Auckland ITF Indoor Championships 2016 at the Scarbro Tennis Centre in Auckland, New Zealand.

Lee is seeded third in the ranking tournament and drew a bye in the first round. She was then pitted against the unseeded Kinjana Petreski of Australia in the second round of the lower half of the draw and cruised to a 6-1, 6-0 victory yesterday.

With the win, Lee is now the only Pacific Oceania player in contention for the singles crown as Palau's Aya-na Rengiil and Samoa's Lyla Tapusoa lost their respective

matches. Tapusoa was the first to be eliminated as she fell to New Zealand wild card entry Kalais Going in the first round last Tuesday, 3-6, 3-6. Rengiil, on the other

hand, got a bye in the opening round after earning the No. 7 seed in the draw, but she was stunned by Australia's Natasa Ilic, 2-6, 1-6, in yesterday's Round 2 match.

In the third round, which
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Back-to-back victories for SCS

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Saipan Community School earned two straight wins in the middle school division of the 2016-

2017 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League this week.

The Tsunamis got their first last Tuesday when they hosted Mt. Carmel School 1 and secured the early victory in the three-set match. The

Kaebr LaGrange-coached SCS was awarded the win after only two sets, 25-13, 25-15. The Knights and the Tsunamis played the no-bearing third set for practice purposes with the visiting team this time prevailing to avoid being swept, 15-10.

From its home turf, SCS went to Agape Christian School's court in Middle Road yesterday and rode on the momentum it got from its convincing victory against MCS 1 to beat the host squad.

LaGrange's wards took the opening set by 8 points, 25-17, to move a set away from wrapping up the game. In the second set, the opposing teams went back and forth and were tied last at the 19-all tally before SCS scored six straight points to get the win.

With its pair of victories this week, SCS improved its

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A Saipan Community School player sets up her teammate during the second set of their game against Agape Christian School in the middle school division of the COPSSA volleyball league yesterday at the ACS court in Middle Road.



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Kanoa Football Club extended its win streak to three following a 10-2 demolition of MP United 2 in one of the two games played in the co-ed U12 competitive division of the 2016 NMIFA Youth Fall League last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Kanoa's 3-0-0 win-draw-loss record also gave the team the solo lead in the five-squad division, while MP United is at the bottom of the standings with its 0-0-2 slate.

Paulyn Joyce anchored Kanoa's easy victory, as she outgunned the entire MP United 2 crew after making a hat-trick. Joyce scored right in the very first minute of the one-sided match and also knocked in the game's last goal in the

Kanoa gets solo lead in U12 league

59th minute. Her second goal came in the 42nd minute.

Other scorers for



Kanoa were John Mark Anastacio, Daniel Mark Pablo, Andrew Sablan, and siblings

Merrick and Markus Toves. Pablo nailed back-to-back

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Kanoa Football Club's Merrick Toves, center, scored two goals in their 10-2 rout of MPU 2 FC in the co-ed U12 competitive division game in the NMIFA youth league last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.